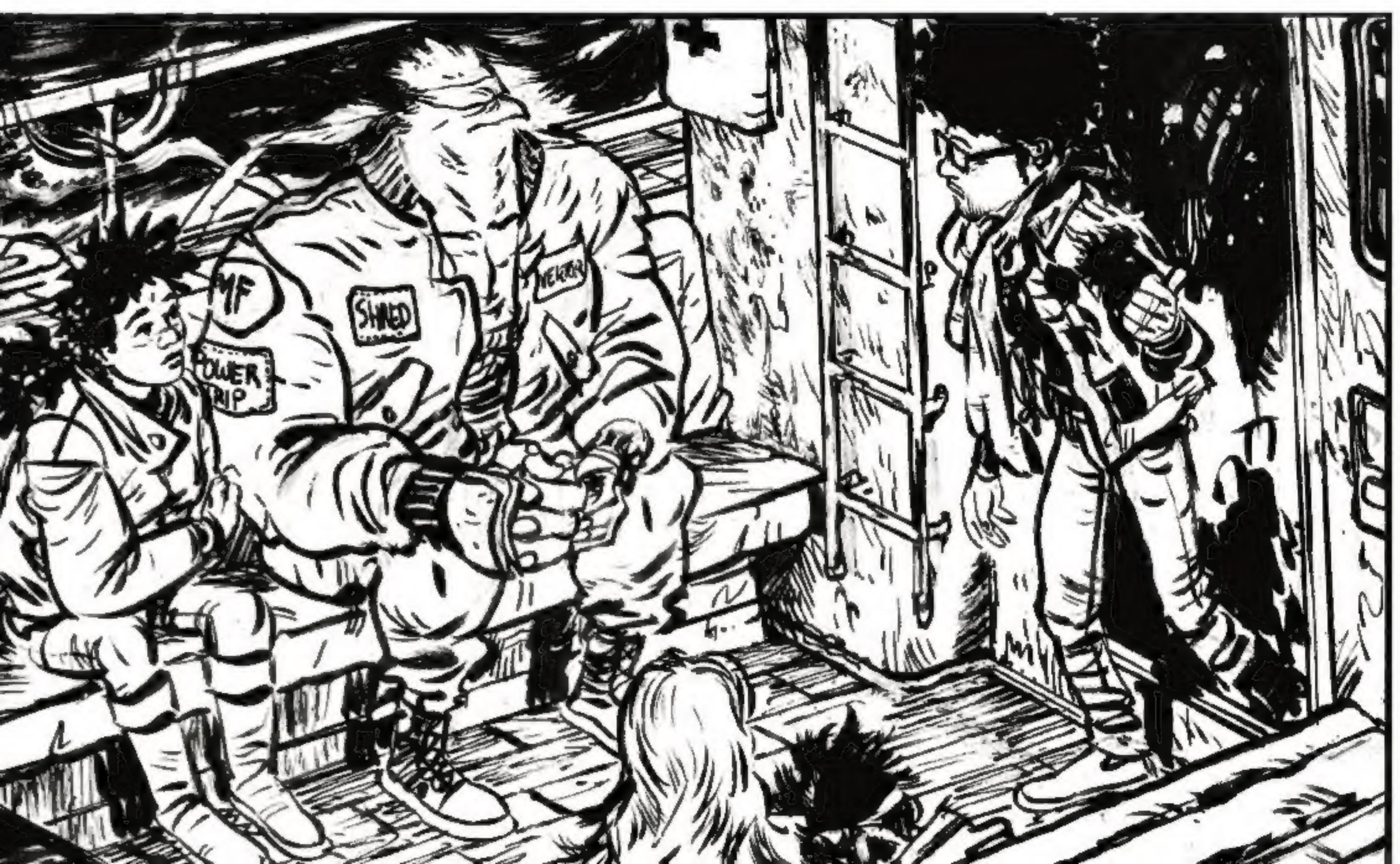
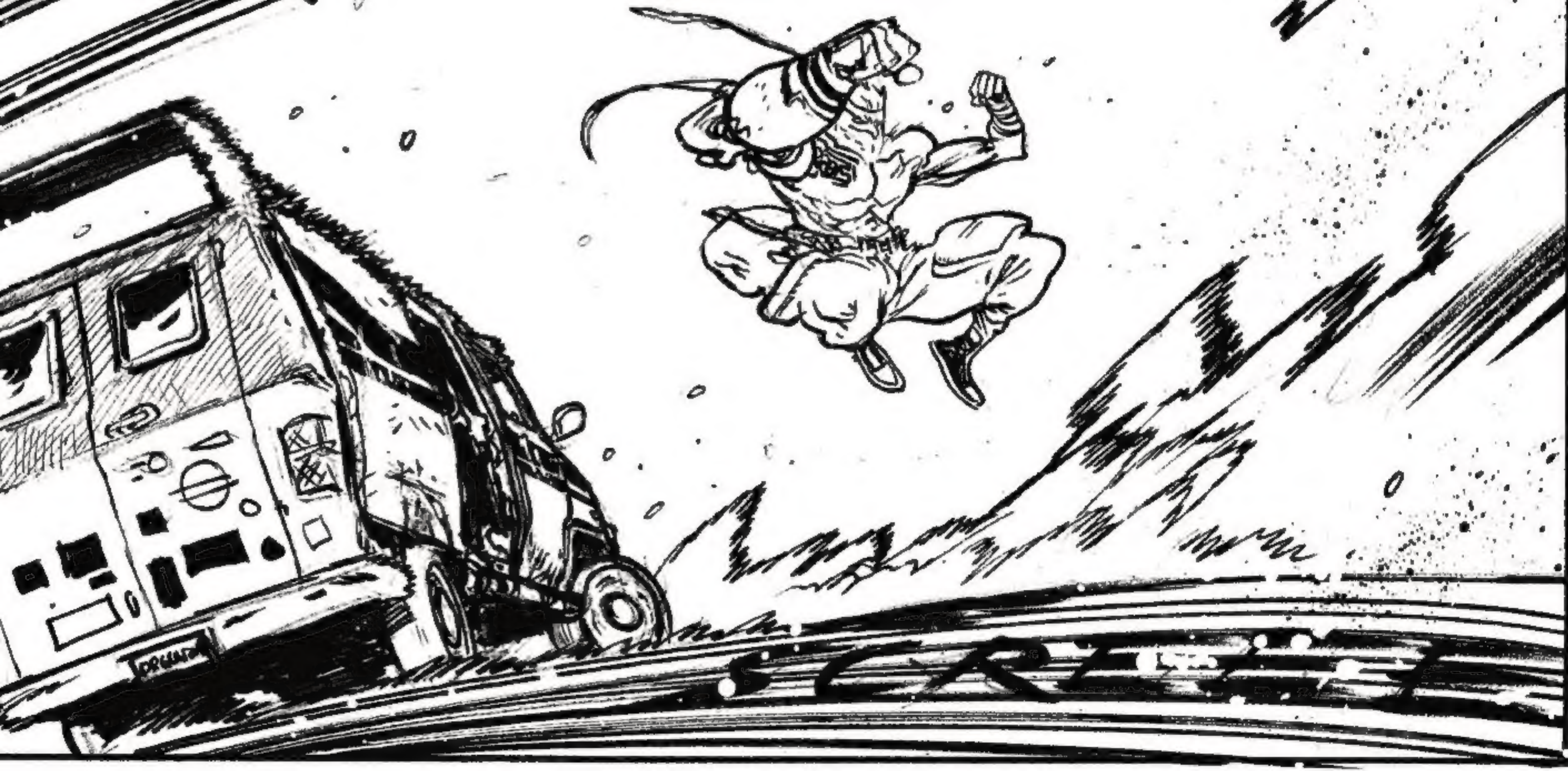


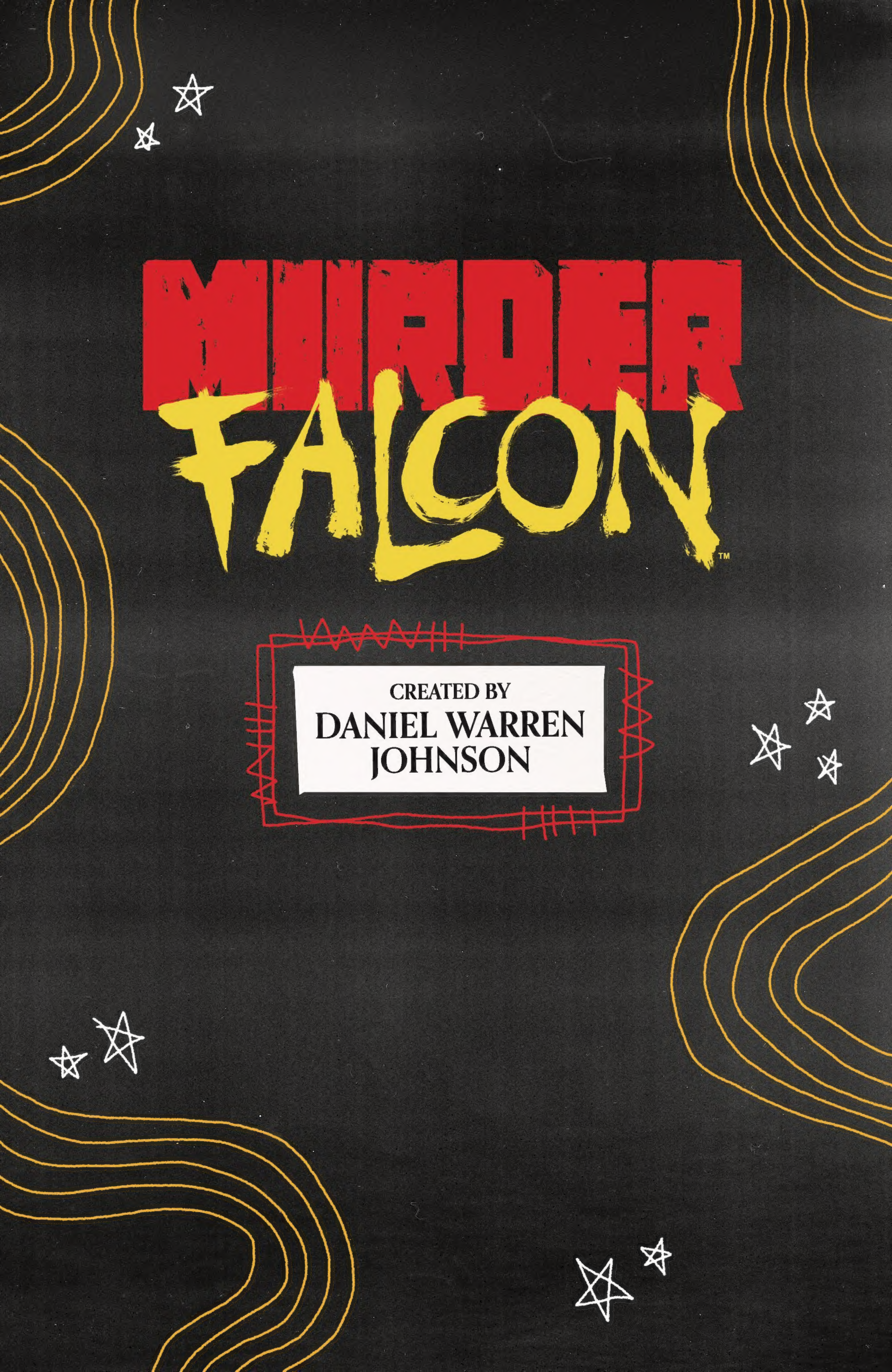
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METAL WILL DESTROY ALL EVIL!!



You ever have something bad happen? So bad that it makes you nervous to take chances, to have new experiences? That's what happened to Jake. And it's happened to me, and I'm guessing it's probably happened to you.

A friend that I admire and respect greatly told me once that, "Everyone is either in a storm currently or will be in one someday." It's inevitable. Pardon my language, but shit really does happen, all the time, and we are powerless to stop it.

Powerless. But not silent.

I've been playing guitar since I was eleven years old. It's a part of me. And whenever I felt a storm coming, I would play my guitar for hours and hours. I was going through a storm when I was drawing **EXTREMITY**. There was a lot of pain, and many long nights. It made me want to give up, to stop trying. It was hard to be brave, to hold my head up and still enjoy what life had to offer.

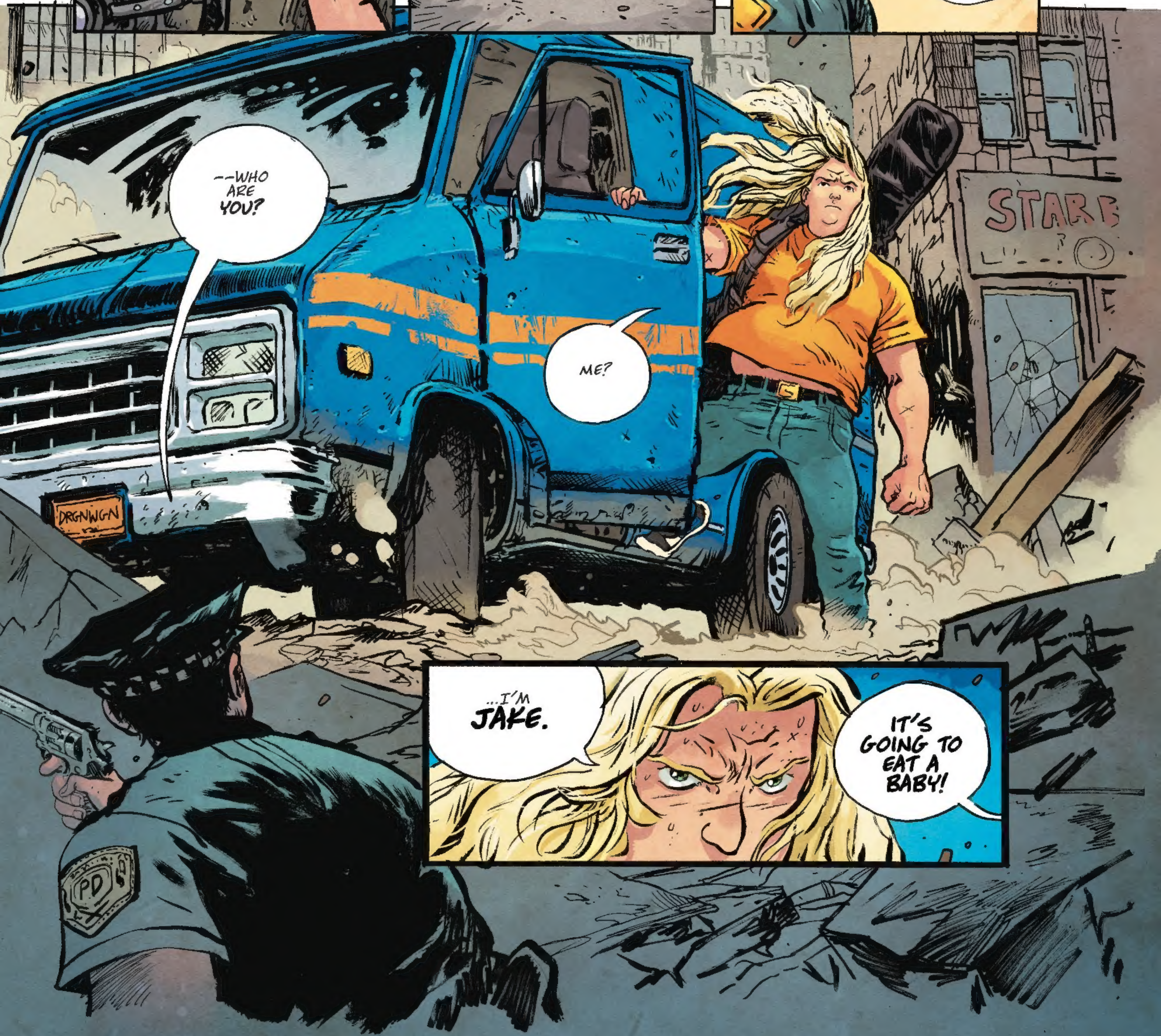
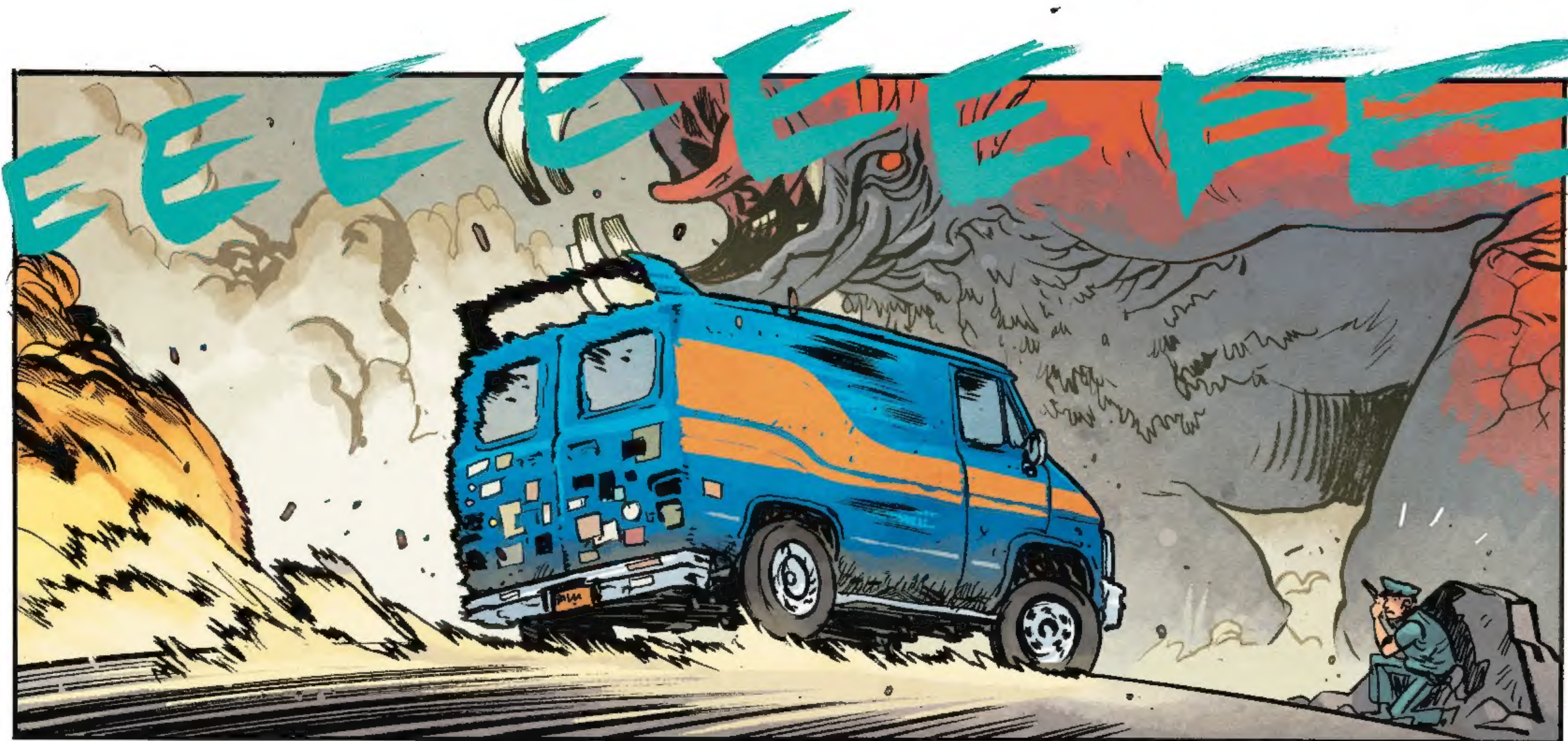
But there was always my guitar. There was always music. It never fixed anything, but it made things just a little bit better. Like there was hope for something, somewhere. That's why I love metal. It's brash, it's silly, and it's completely unafraid to yell into nothingness, even in the midst of suffering. Joyful in a sea of dark. And what better way to give the middle finger to our tragedies than to rip into a guitar solo?

MURDER FALCON has everything I love in it. Heavy metal, old vans, beer, whammy bars. But it's also about being brave. Brave enough to pick up an instrument, and create something greater than the things that haunt us.

Thanks for being here.

Daniel Warren Johnson



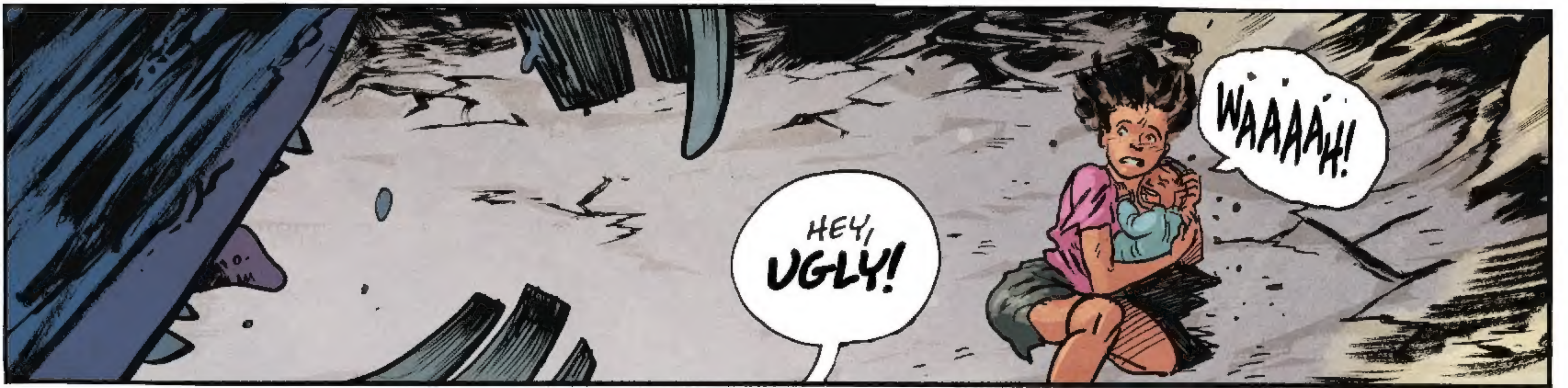


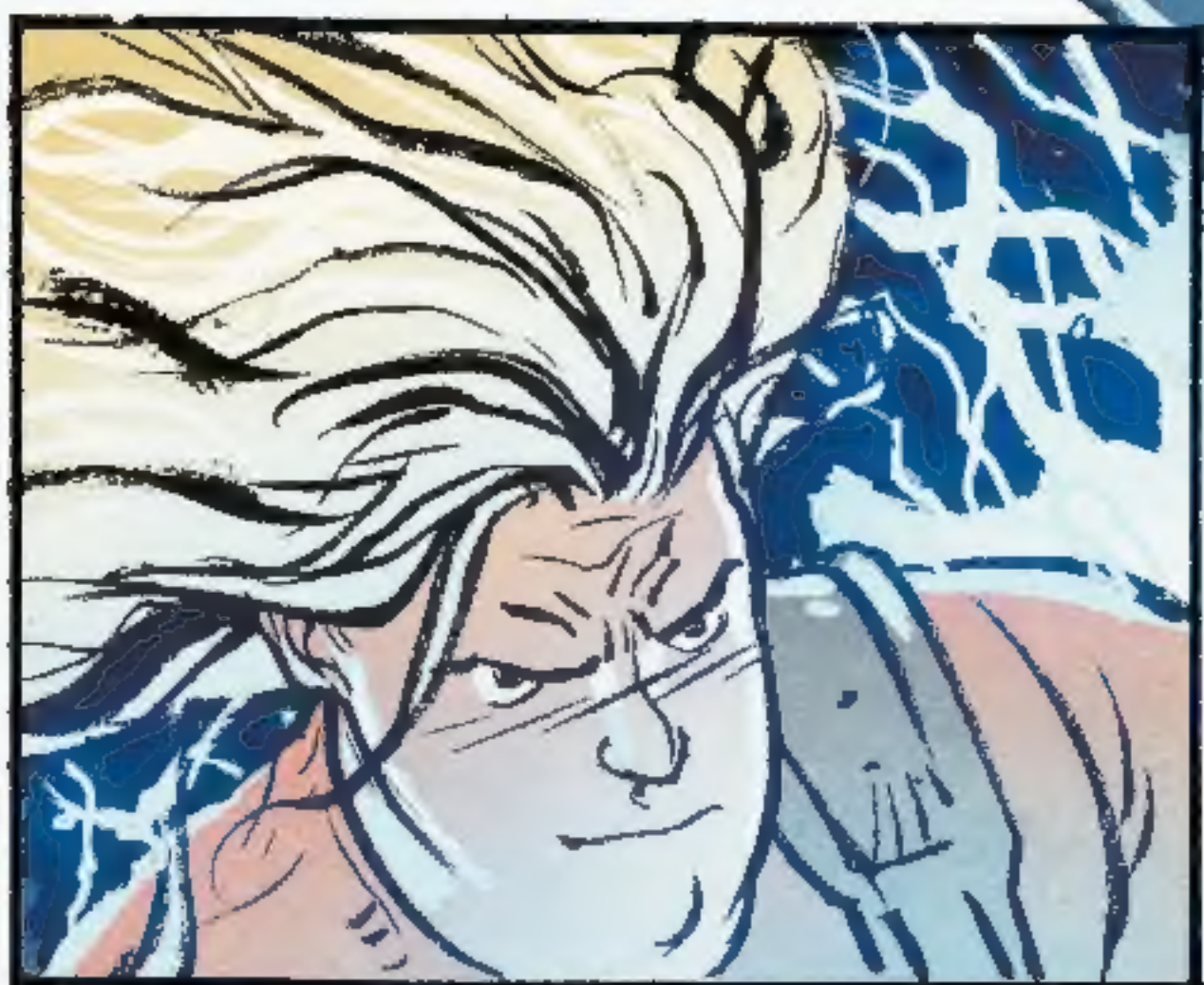
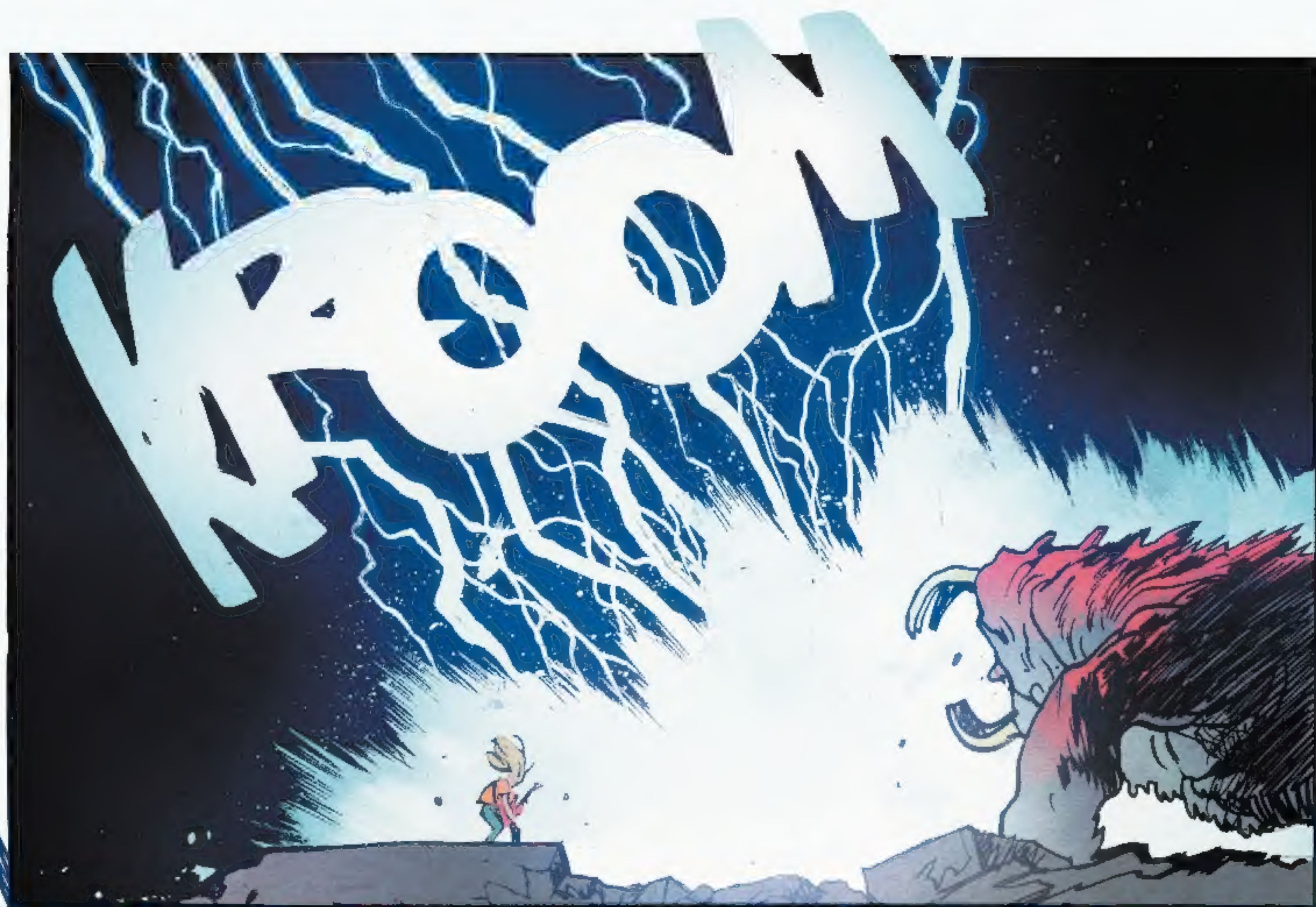
--WHO ARE YOU?

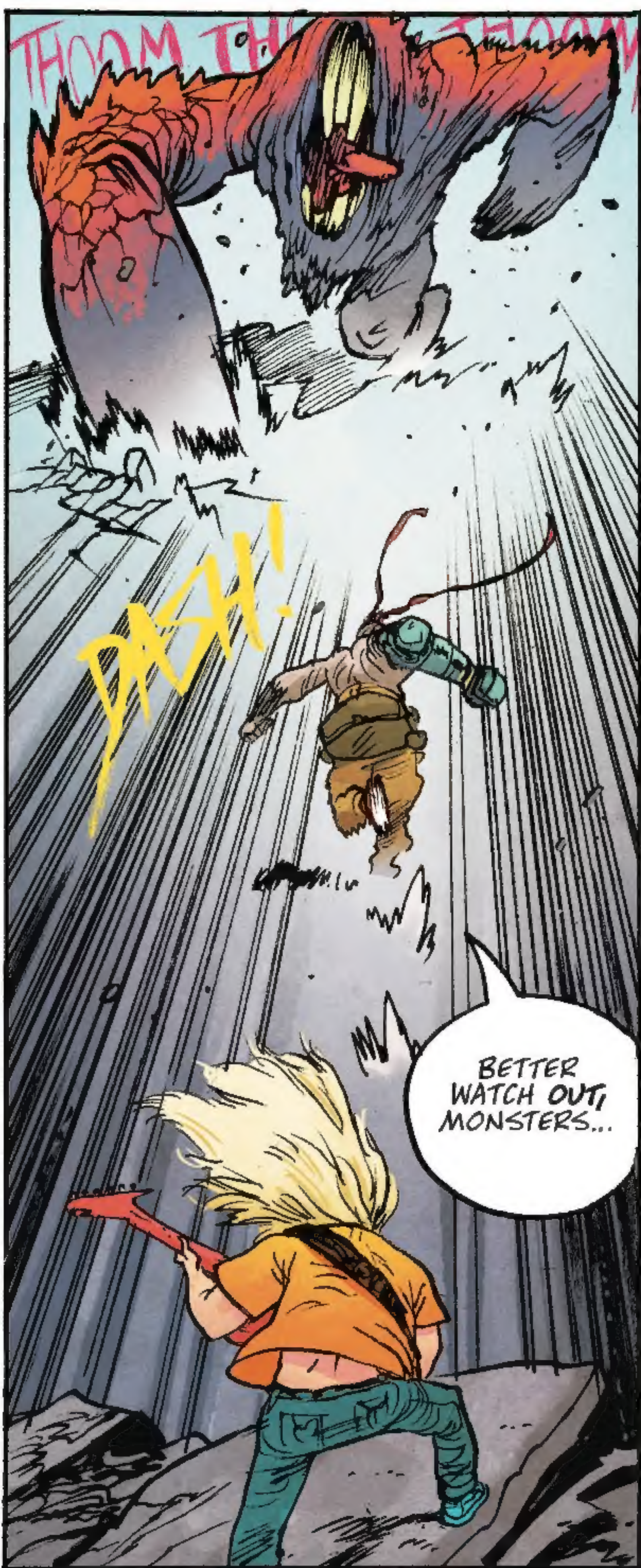
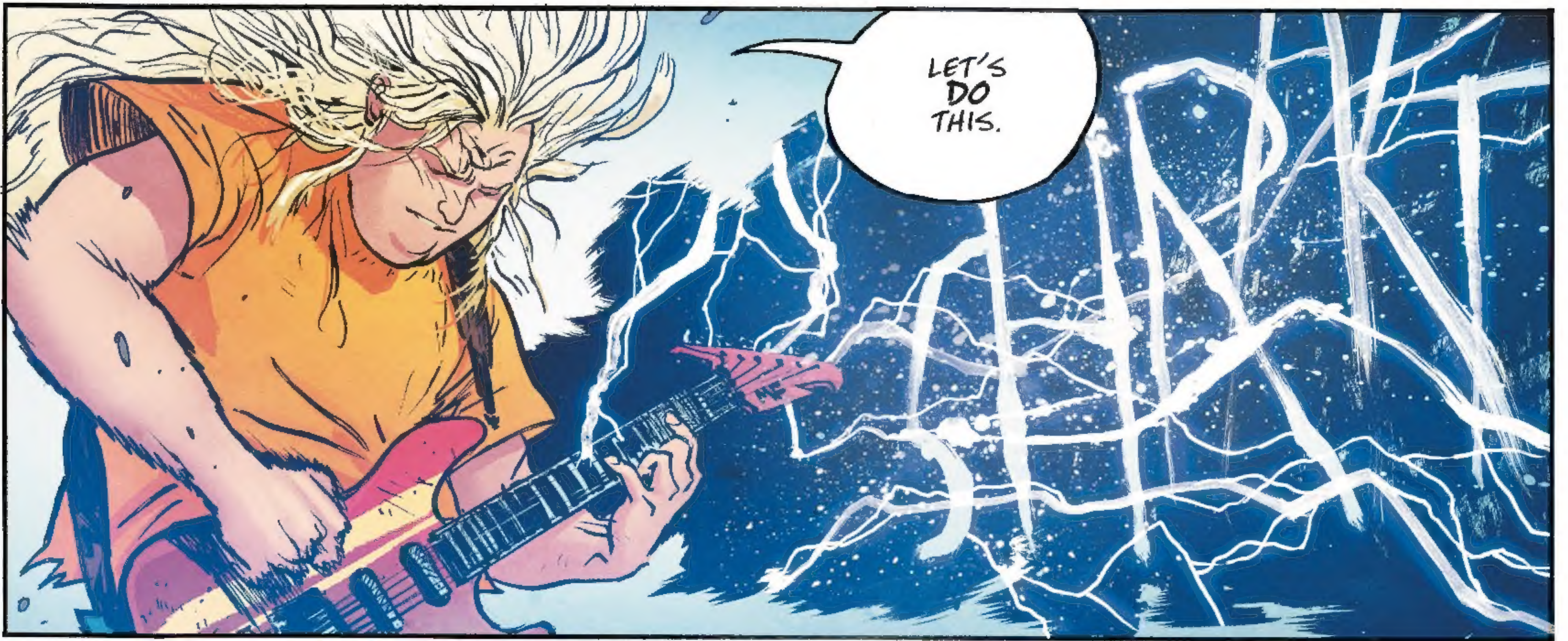
ME?

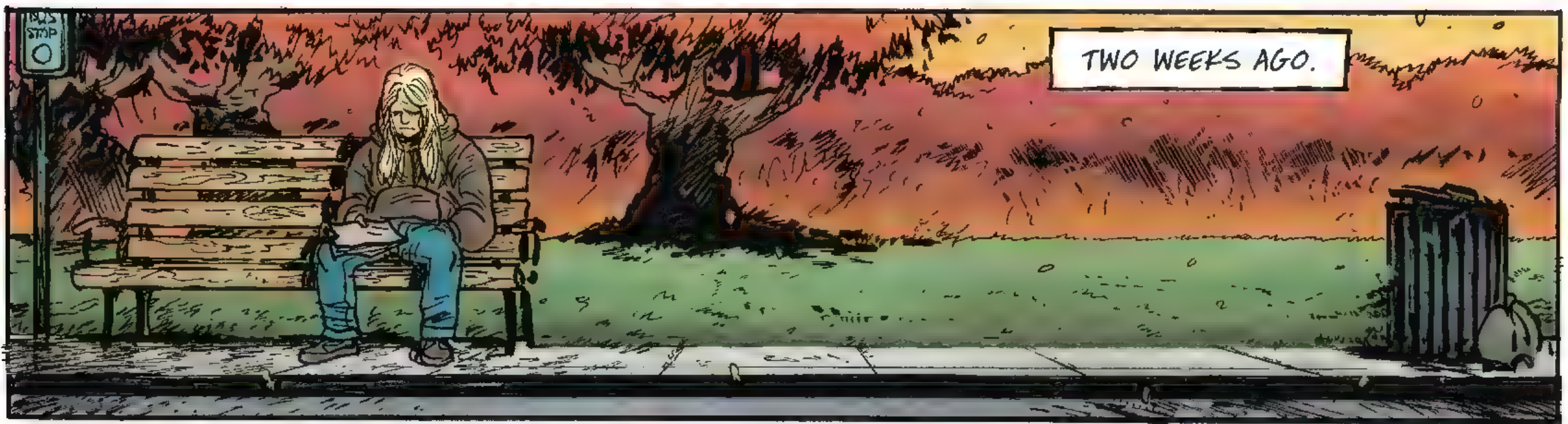
...I'M JAKE.

IT'S GOING TO EAT A BABY!

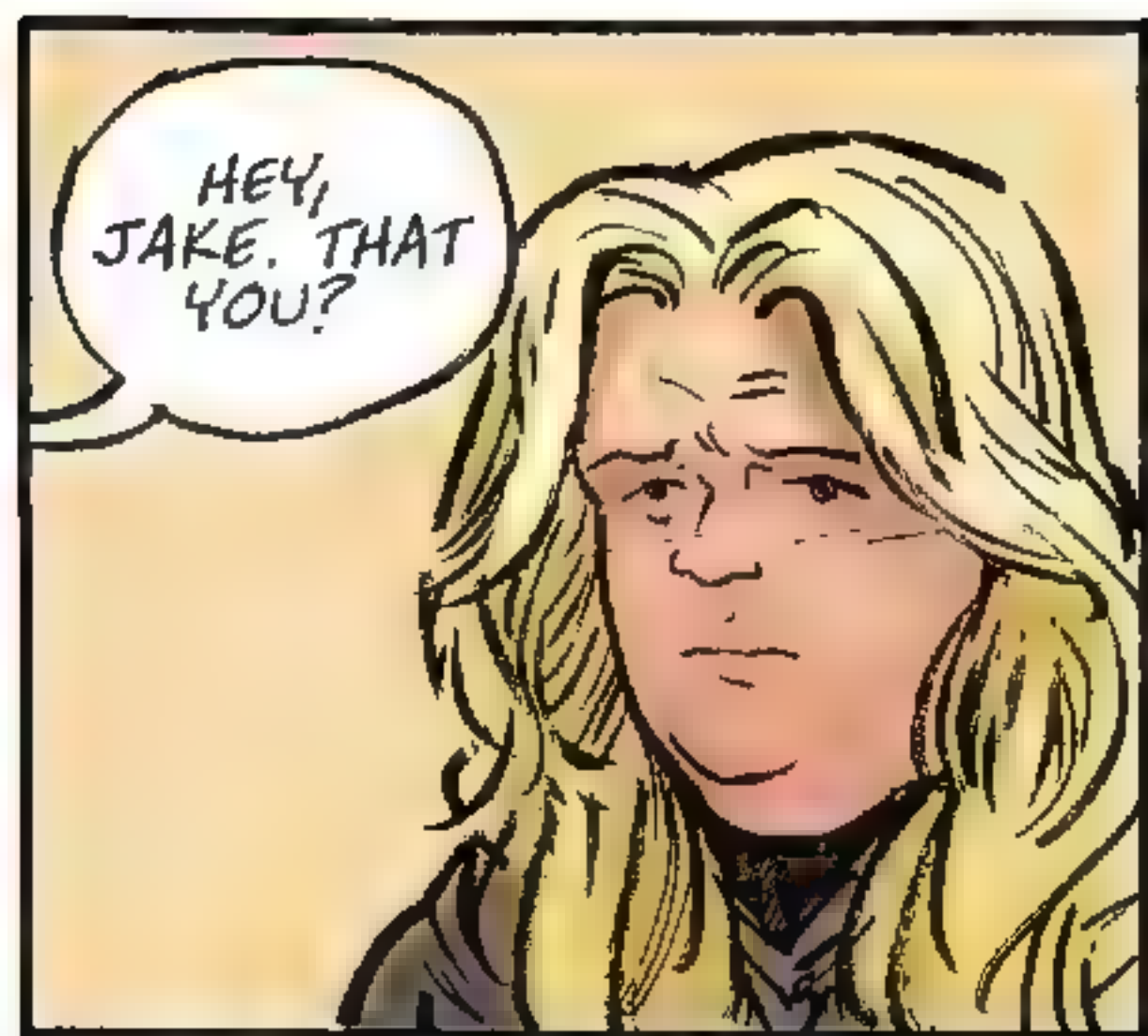




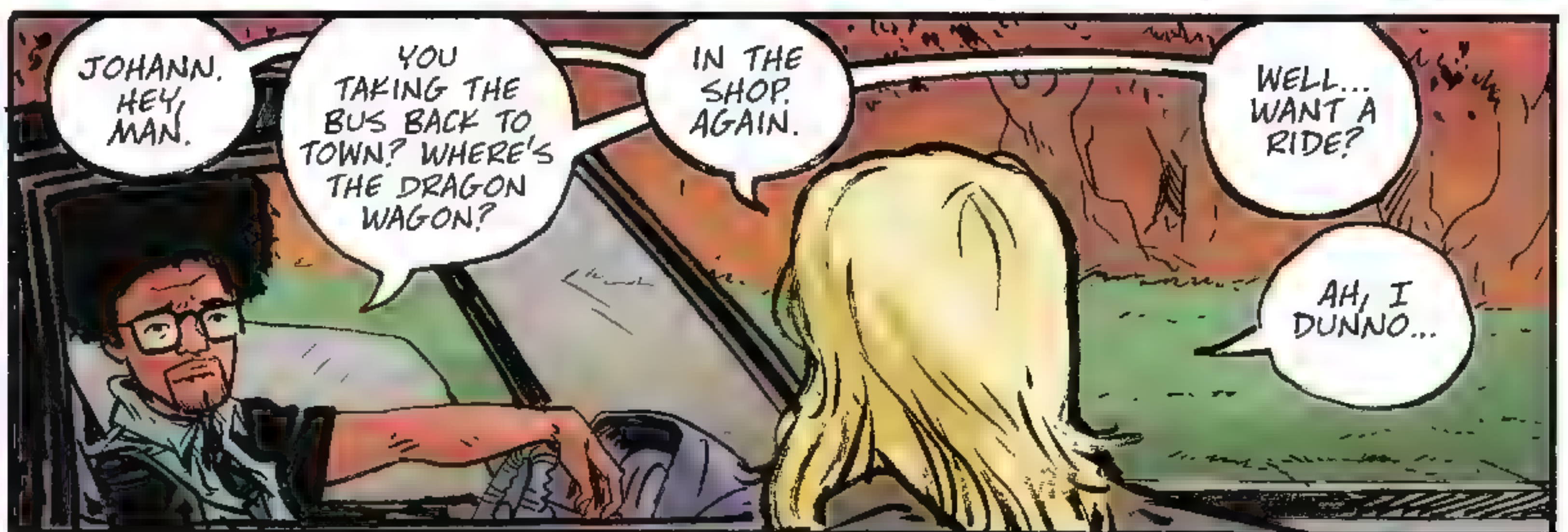




TWO WEEKS AGO.



HEY, JAKE. THAT YOU?



JOHANN. HEY, MAN.

YOU TAKING THE BUS BACK TO TOWN? WHERE'S THE DRAGON WAGON?

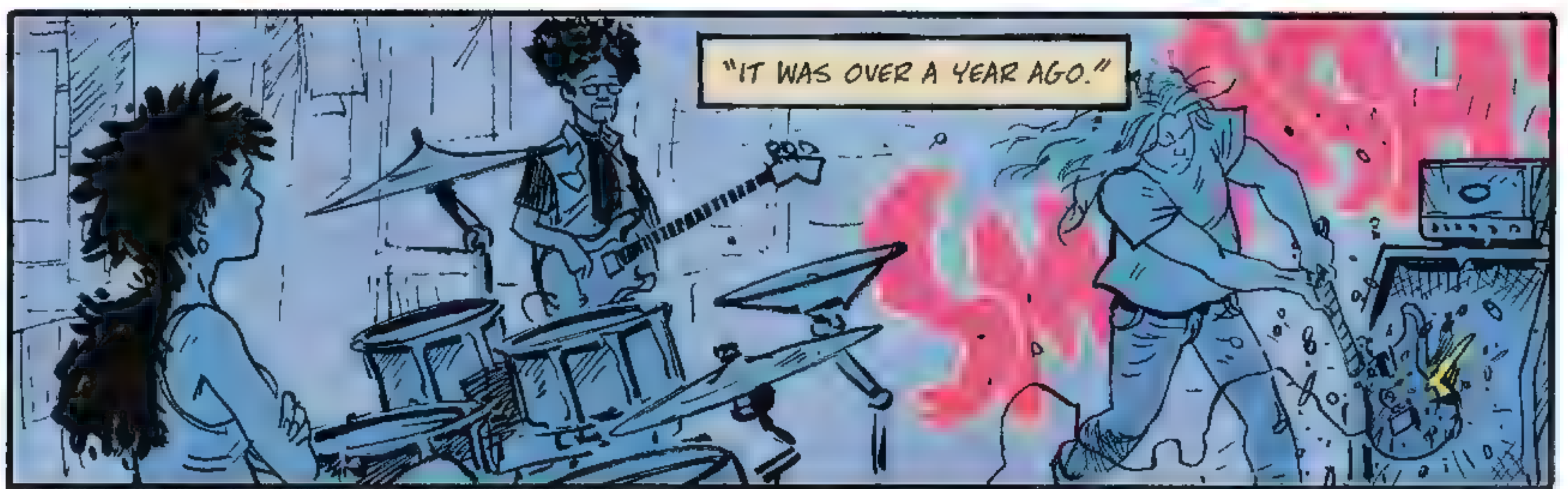
IN THE SHOP. AGAIN.

WELL... WANT A RIDE?

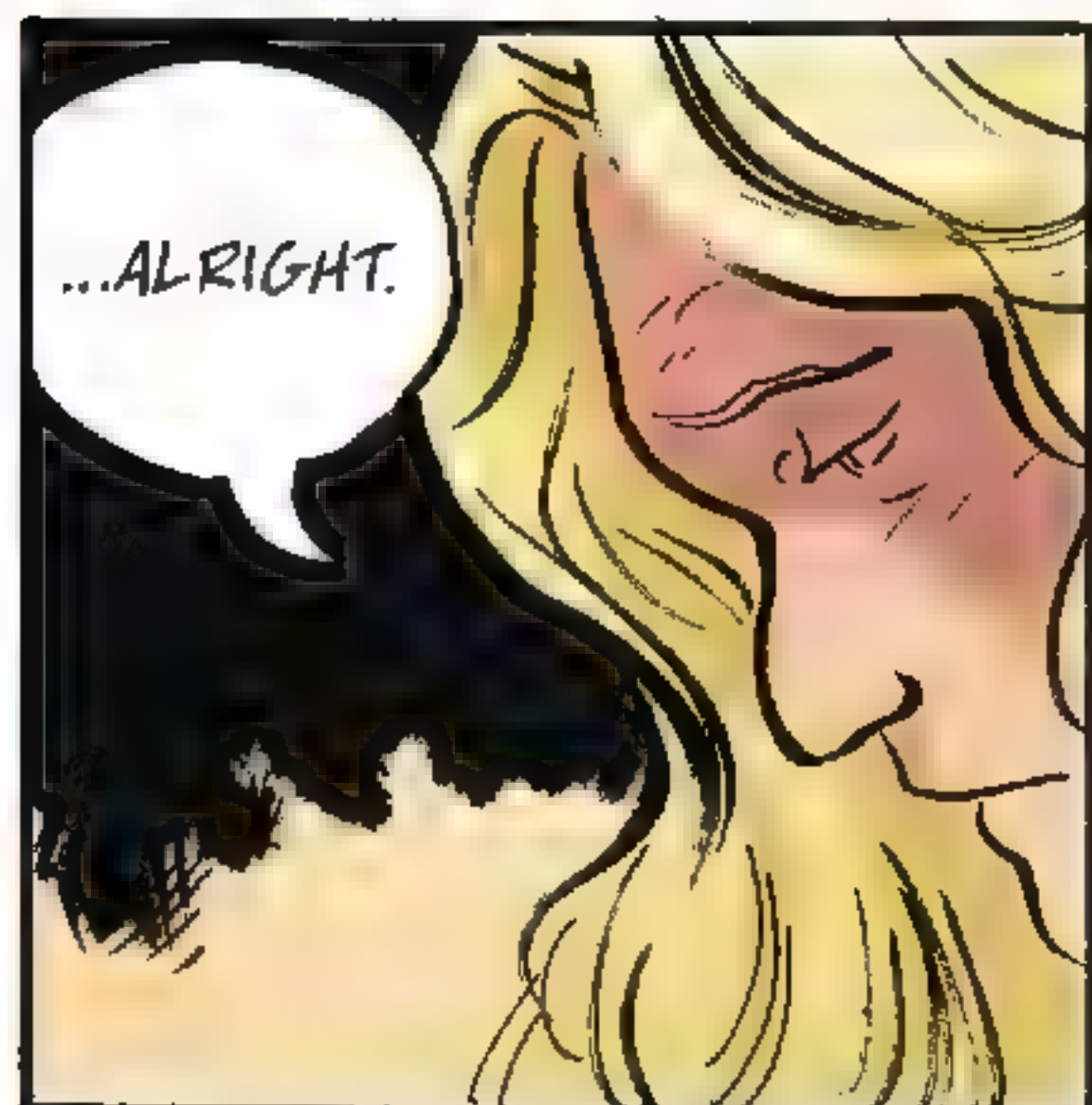
AH, I DUNNO...



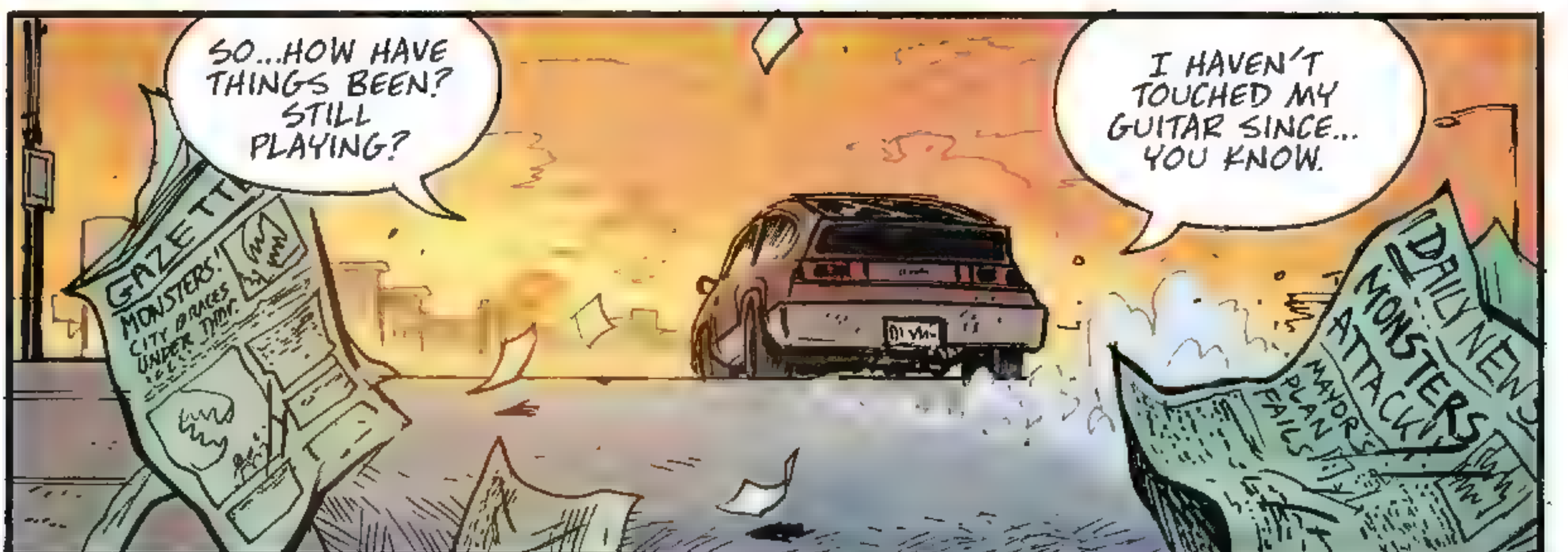
C'MON, MAN...



"IT WAS OVER A YEAR AGO."

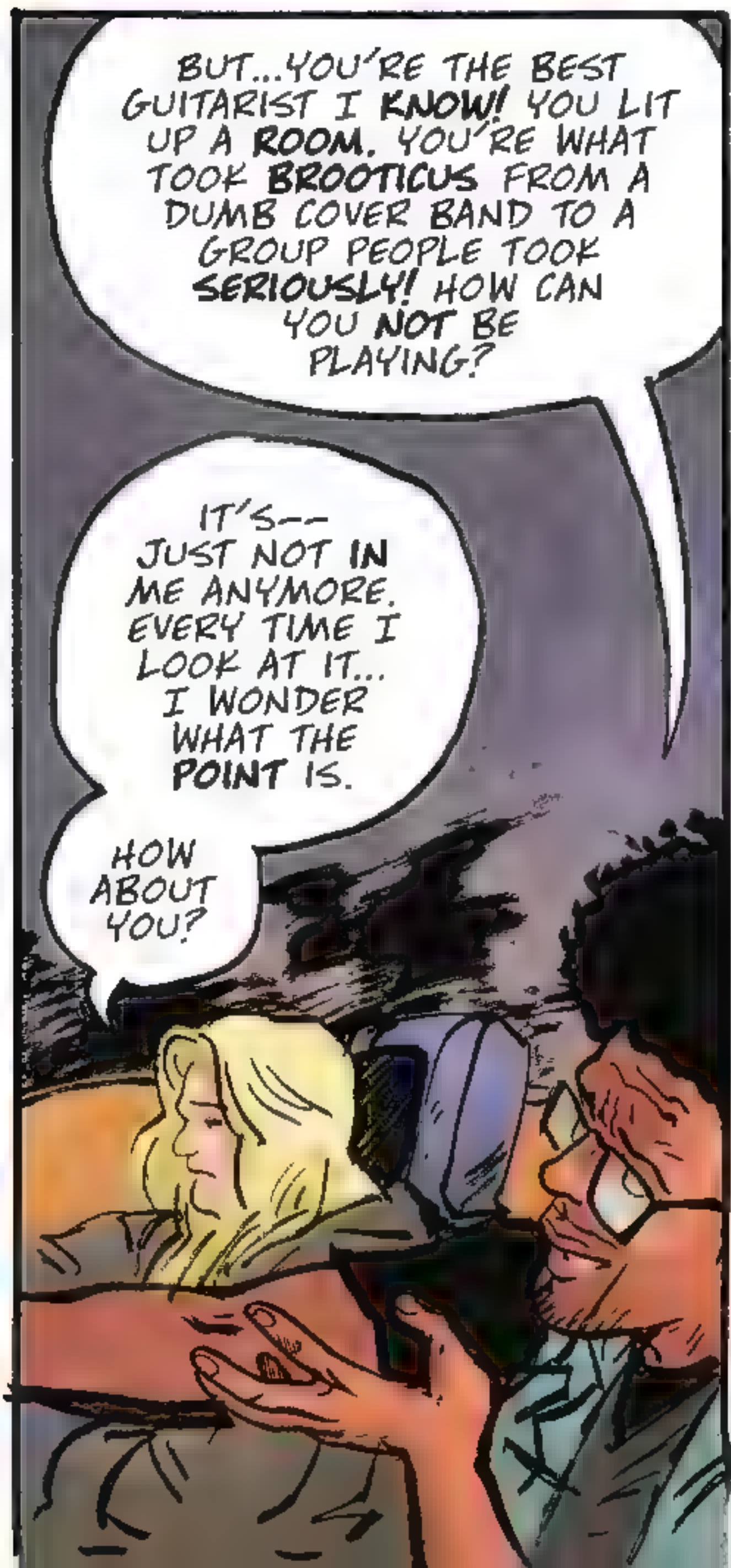


...ALRIGHT.



SO...HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN? STILL PLAYING?

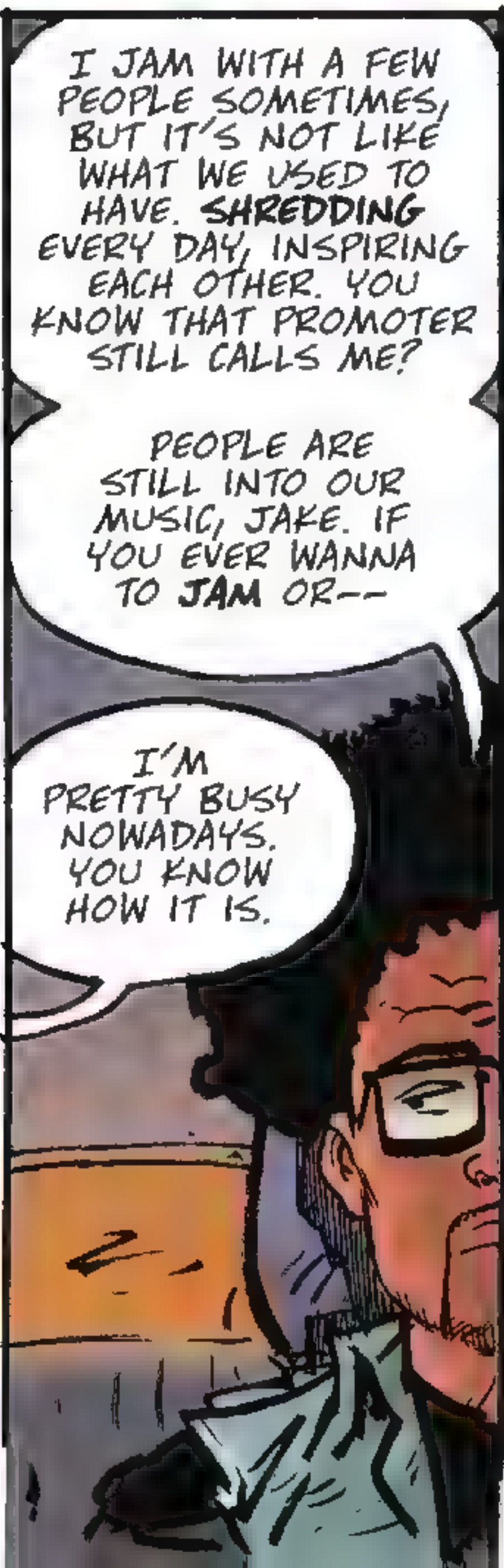
I HAVEN'T TOUCHED MY GUITAR SINCE... YOU KNOW.



BUT...YOU'RE THE BEST GUITARIST I KNOW! YOU LIT UP A ROOM. YOU'RE WHAT TOOK BROOTICUS FROM A DUMB COVER BAND TO A GROUP PEOPLE TOOK SERIOUSLY! HOW CAN YOU NOT BE PLAYING?

IT'S-- JUST NOT IN ME ANYMORE. EVERY TIME I LOOK AT IT... I WONDER WHAT THE POINT IS.

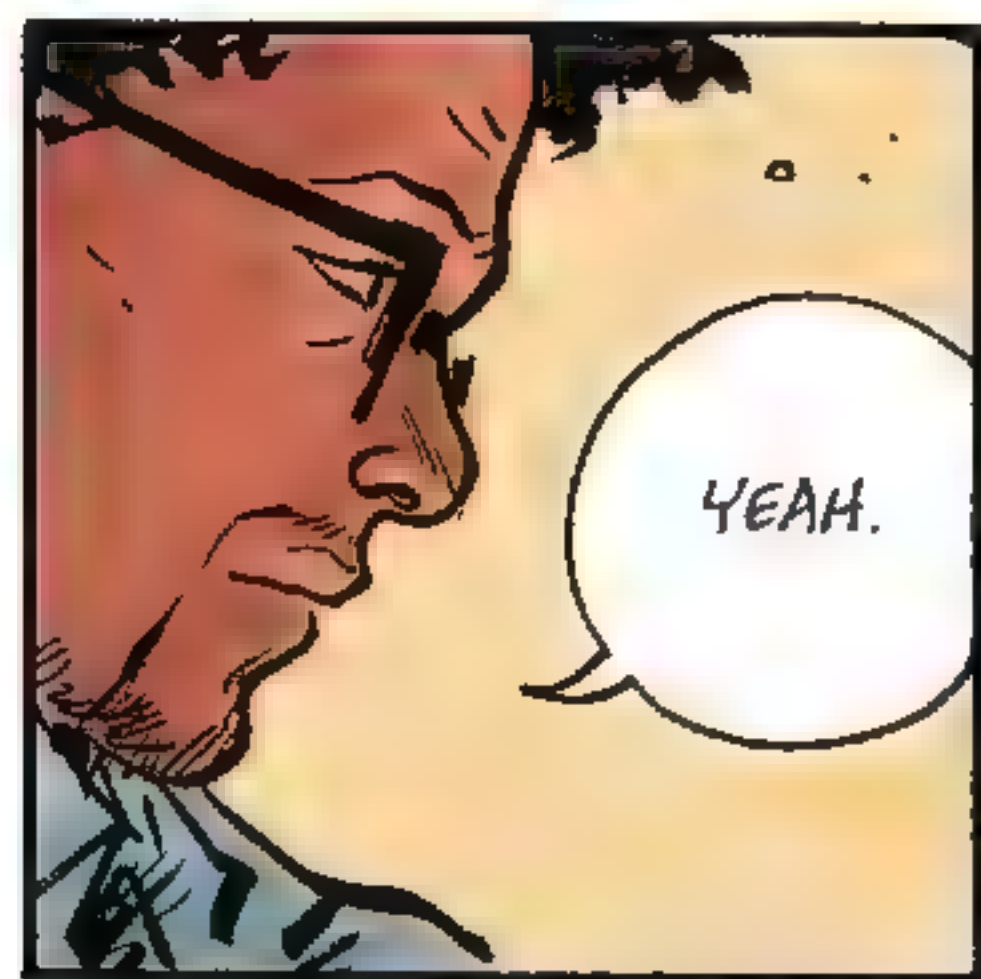
HOW ABOUT YOU?



I JAM WITH A FEW PEOPLE SOMETIMES, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WHAT WE USED TO HAVE. SHREDDING EVERY DAY, INSPIRING EACH OTHER. YOU KNOW THAT PROMOTER STILL CALLS ME?

PEOPLE ARE STILL INTO OUR MUSIC, JAKE. IF YOU EVER WANNA TO JAM OR--

I'M PRETTY BUSY NOWADAYS. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.



YEAH.



YOU BEEN DOING OK, MAN?



SURE...

I'VE BEEN FINE.



HEY,
IF YOU NEED
ANYTHING--

ALRIGHT,
THEN.

DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
ME. I CAN TAKE
CARE OF MYSELF.

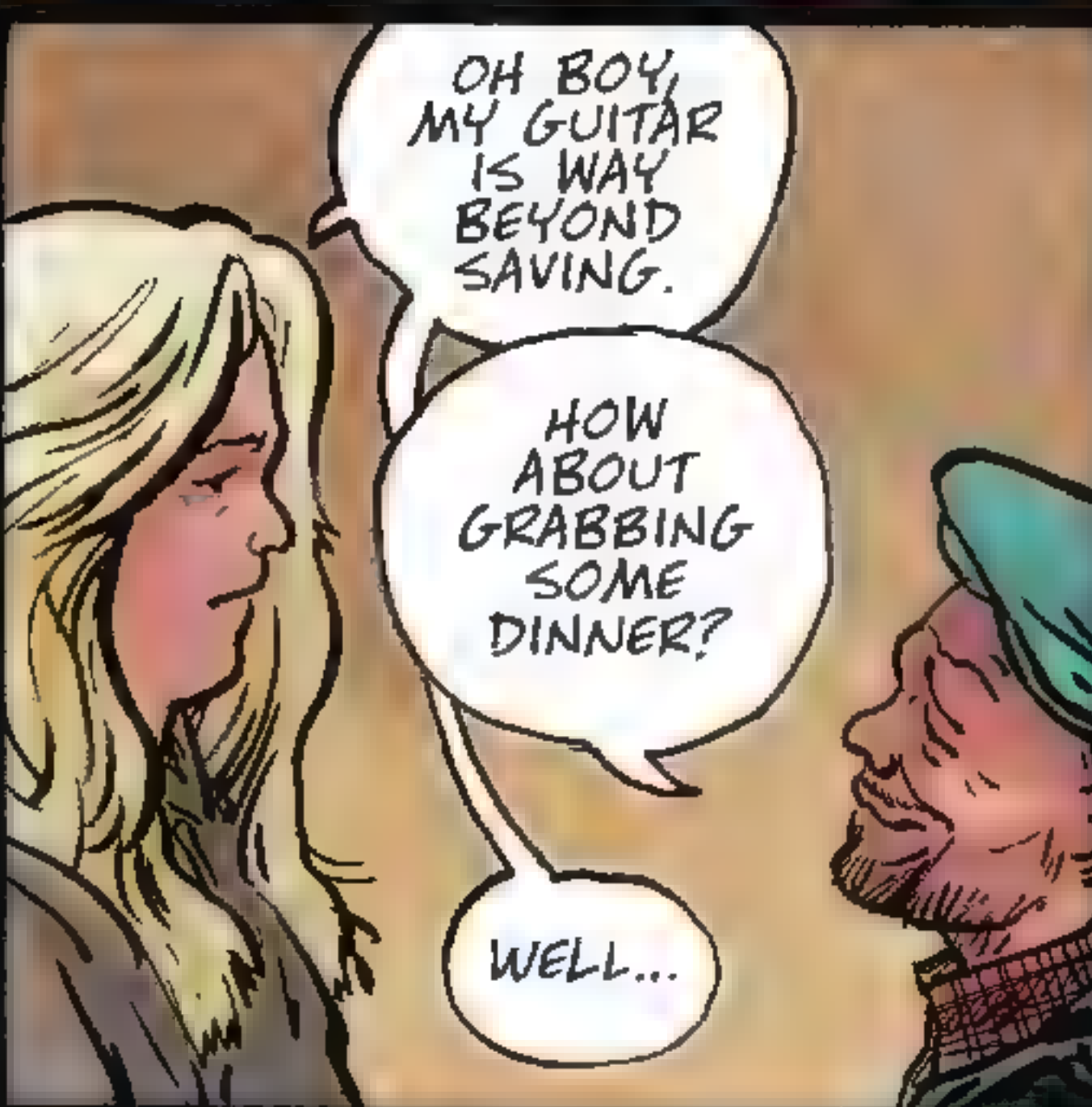


JAKE!
HOW ARE
YOU?



NATE--
GOOD TO SEE
YOU. HOW'S
BUSINESS?

NOT
GREAT, I'M
AFRAID.
YOU SHOULD
BRING
THAT GUITAR
IN FOR A
TUNE-UP.



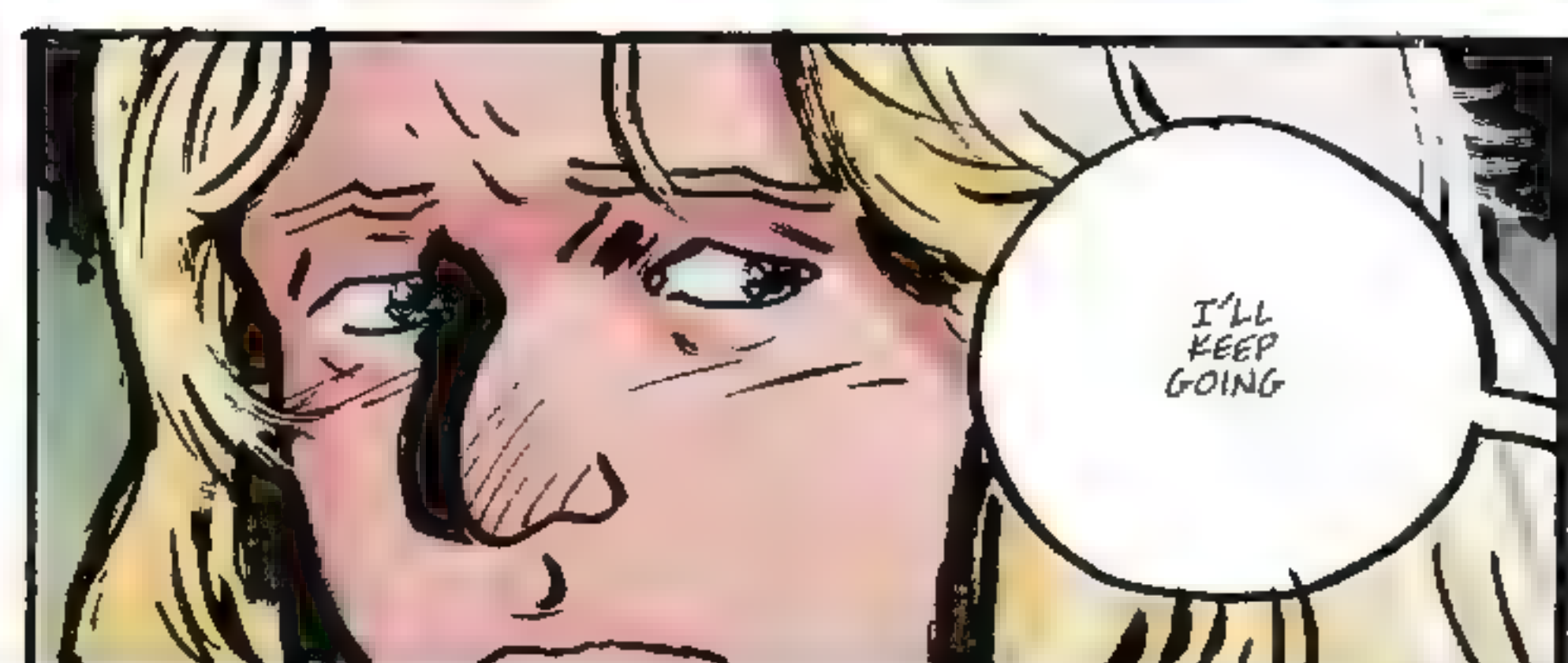
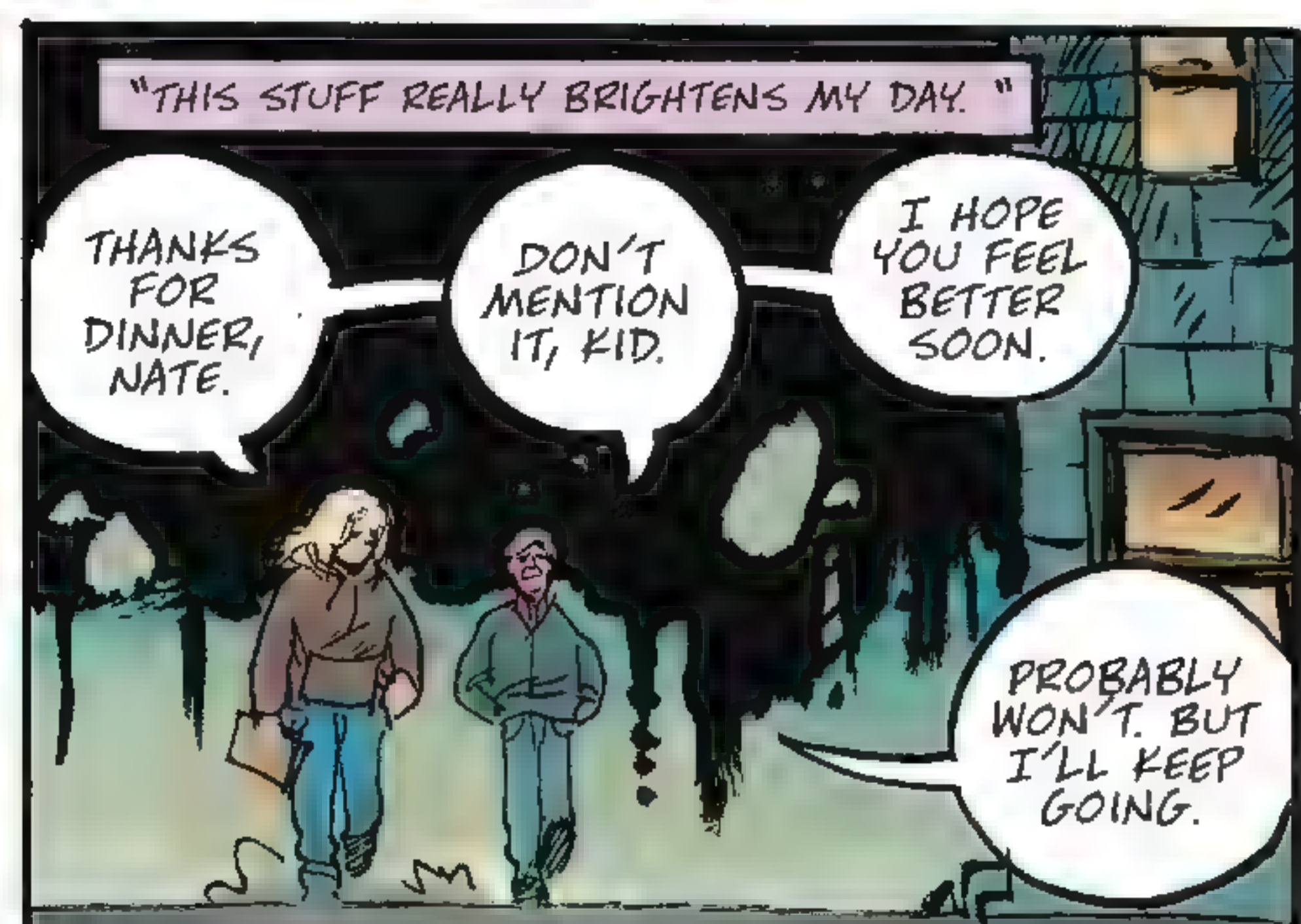
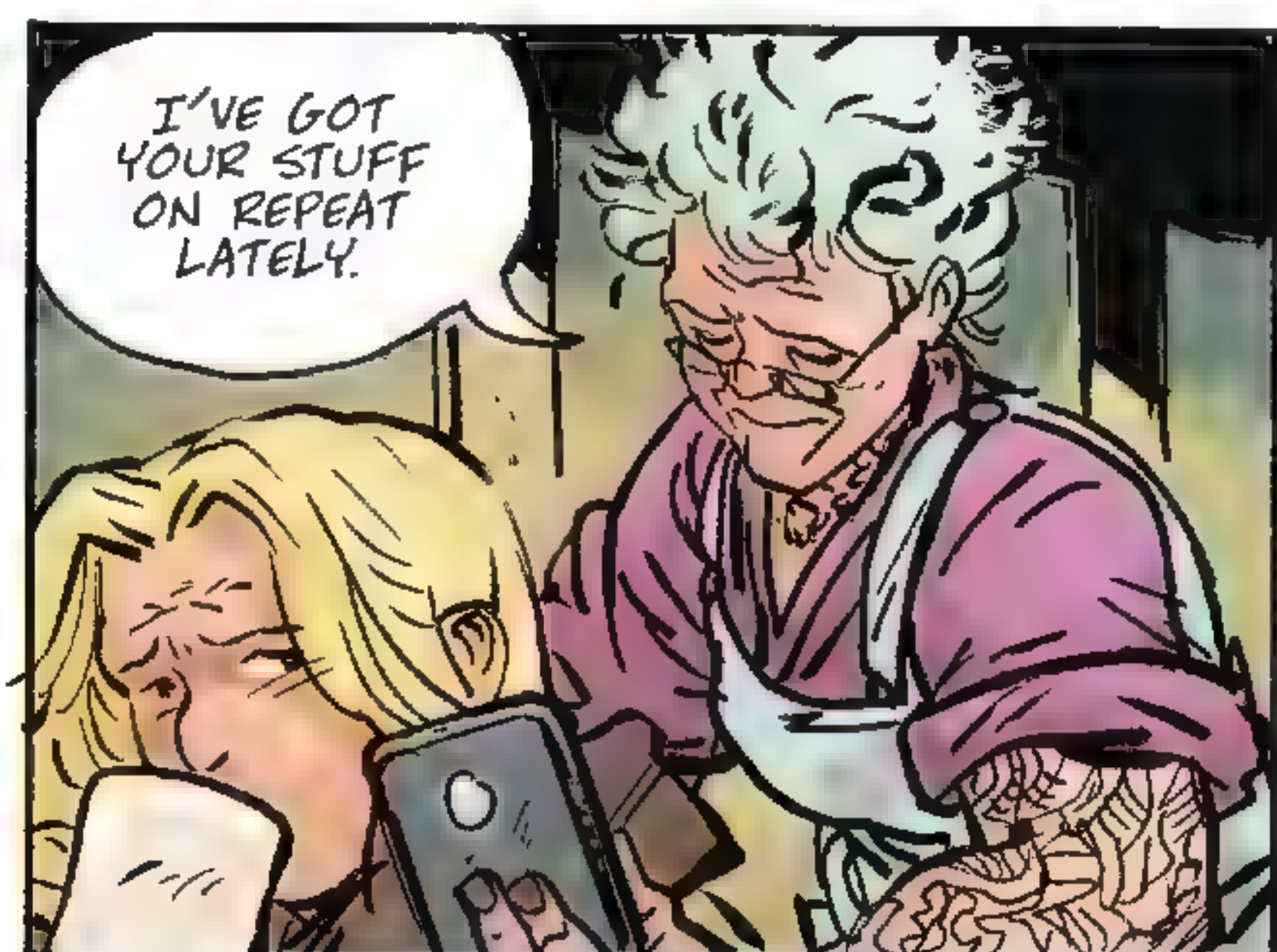
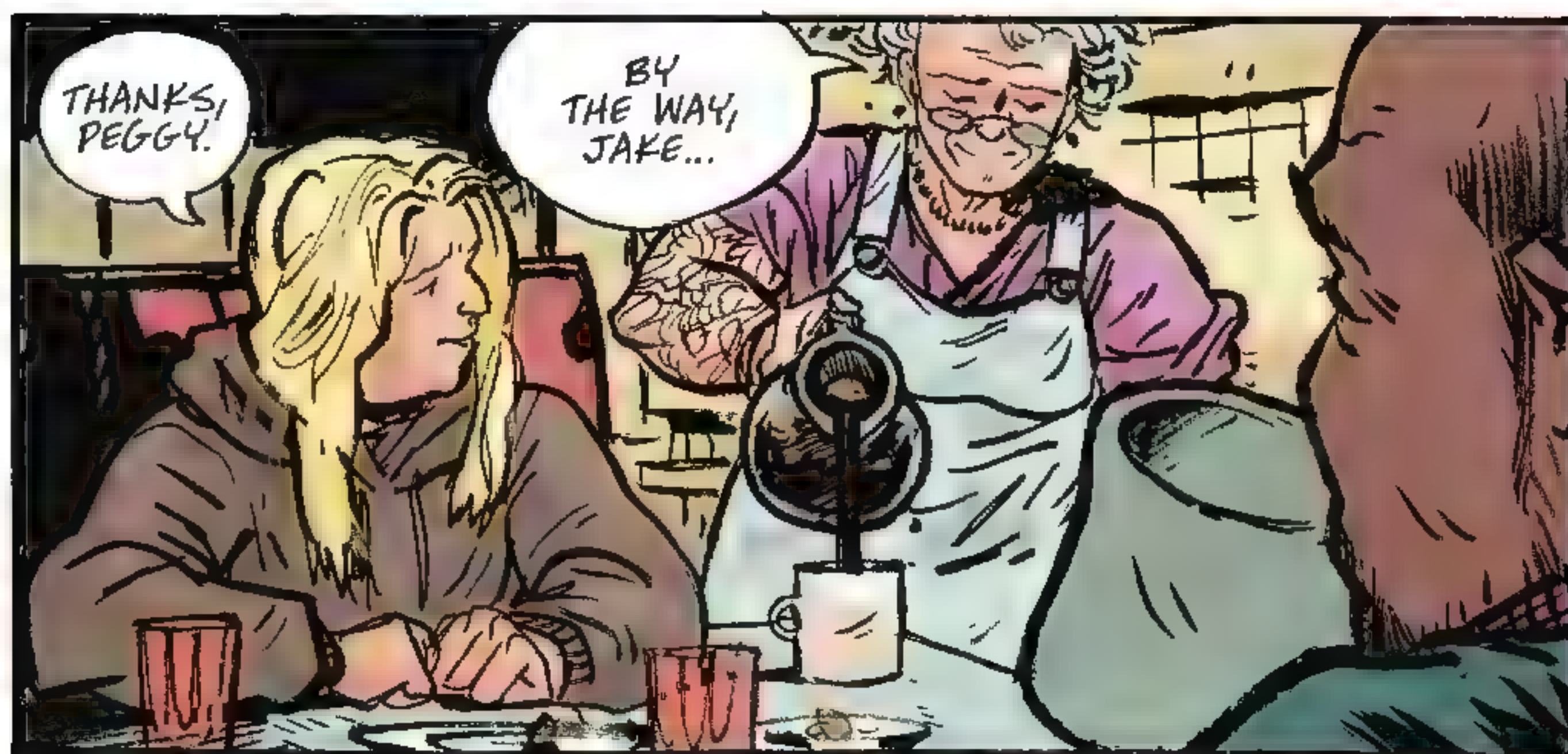
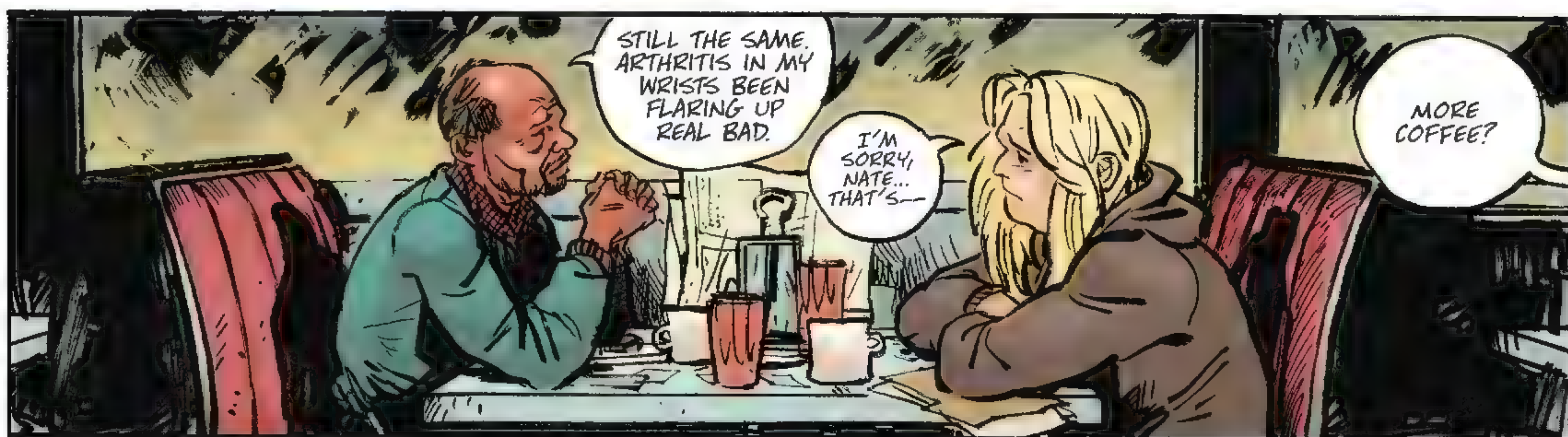
OH BOY,
MY GUITAR
IS WAY
BEYOND
SAVING.

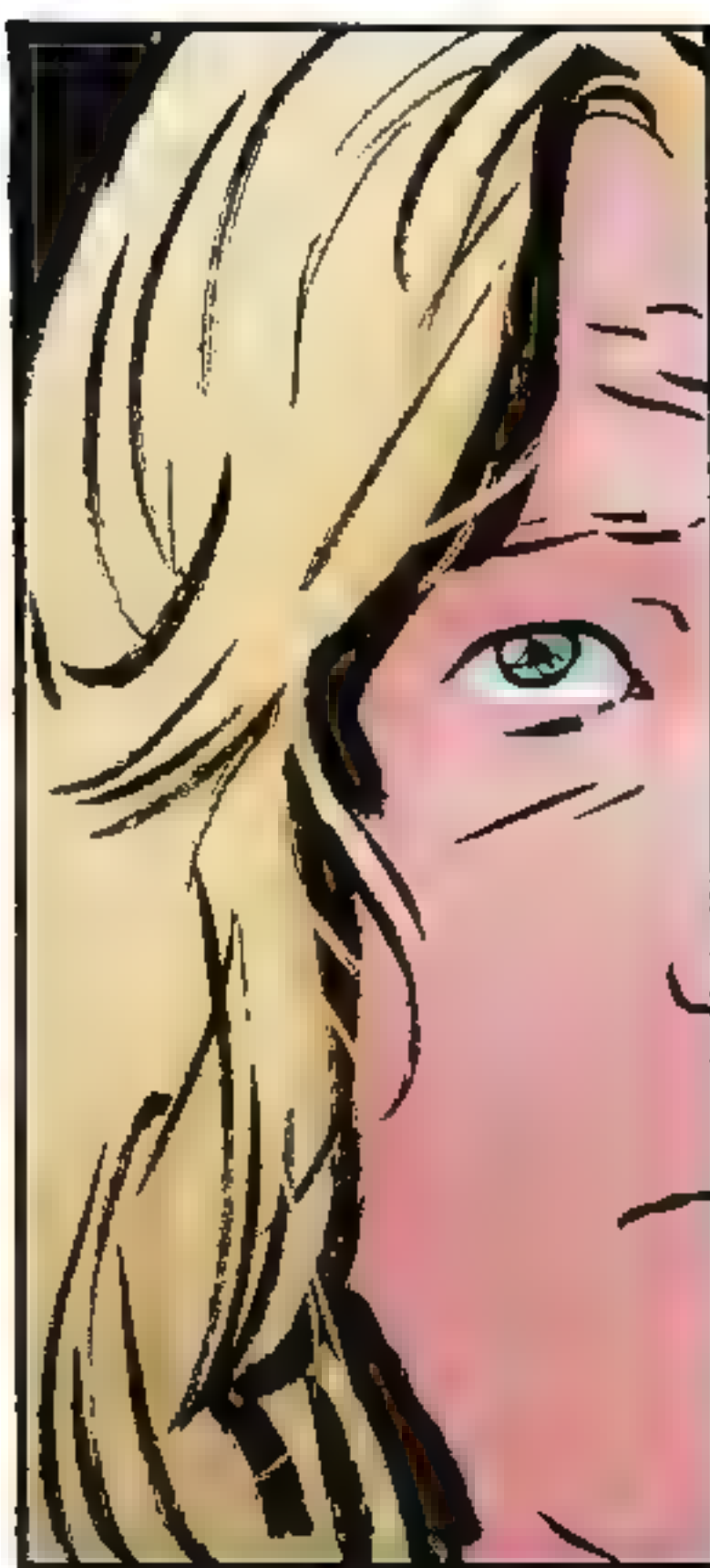
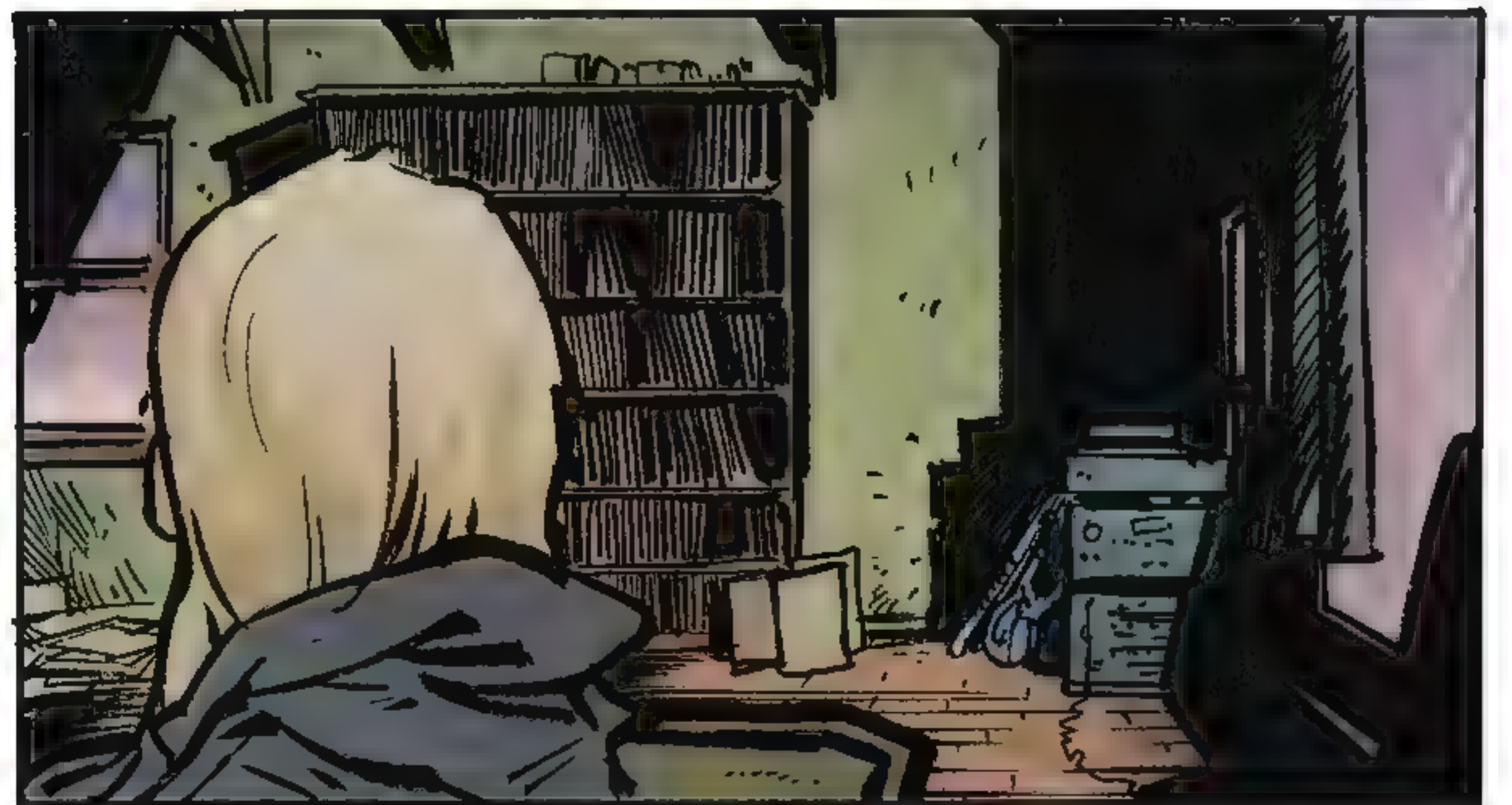
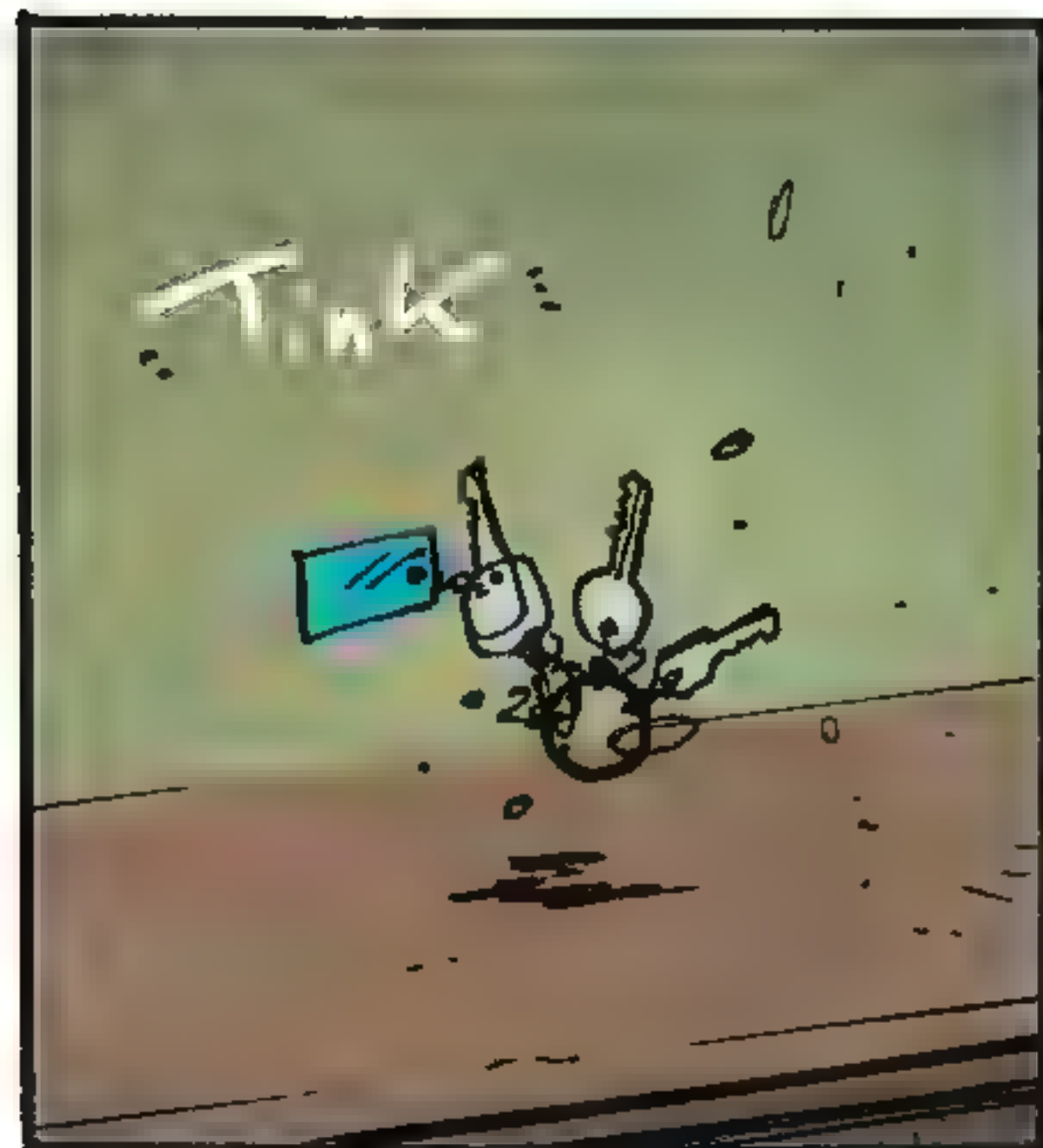
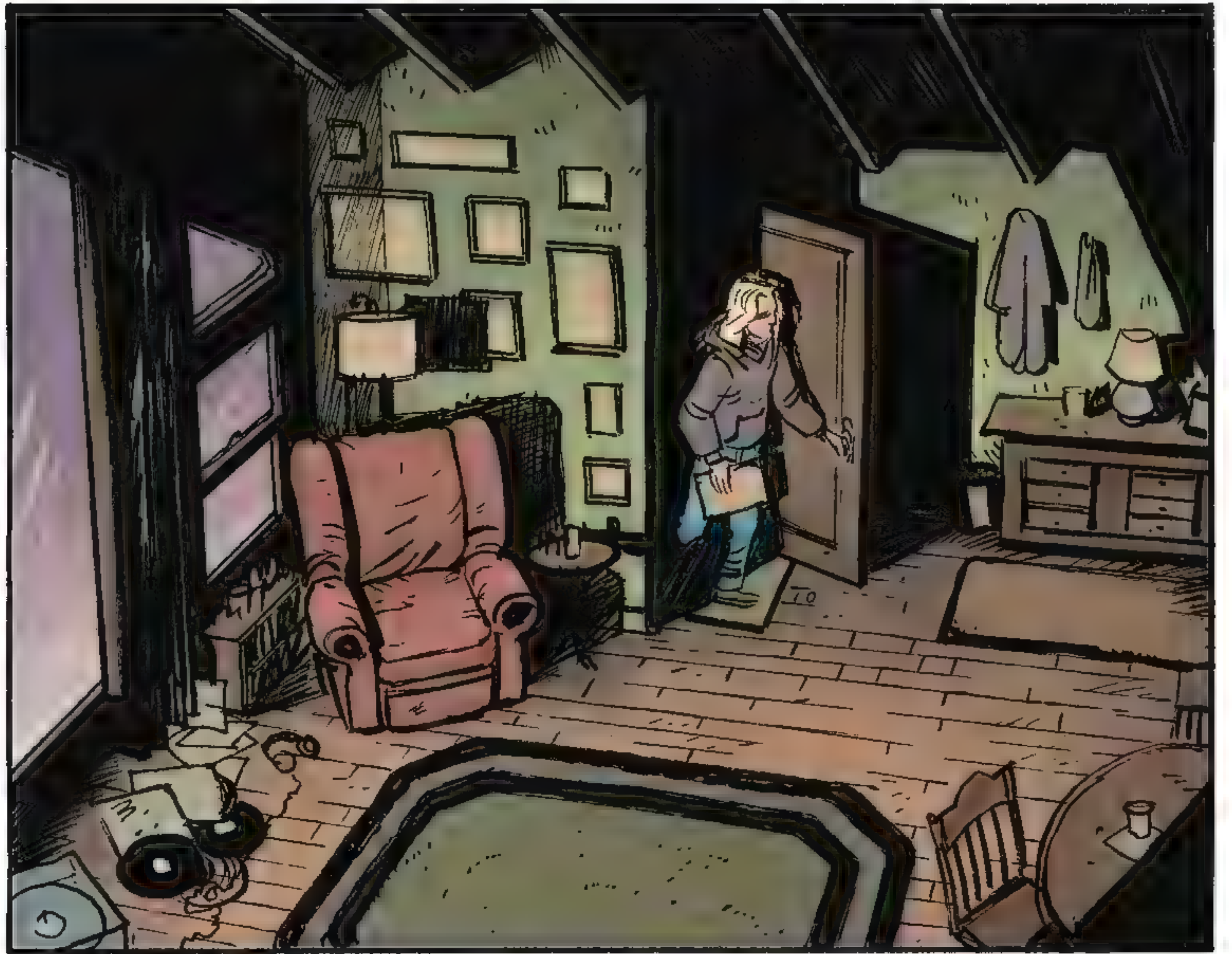
HOW
ABOUT
GRABBING
SOME
DINNER?

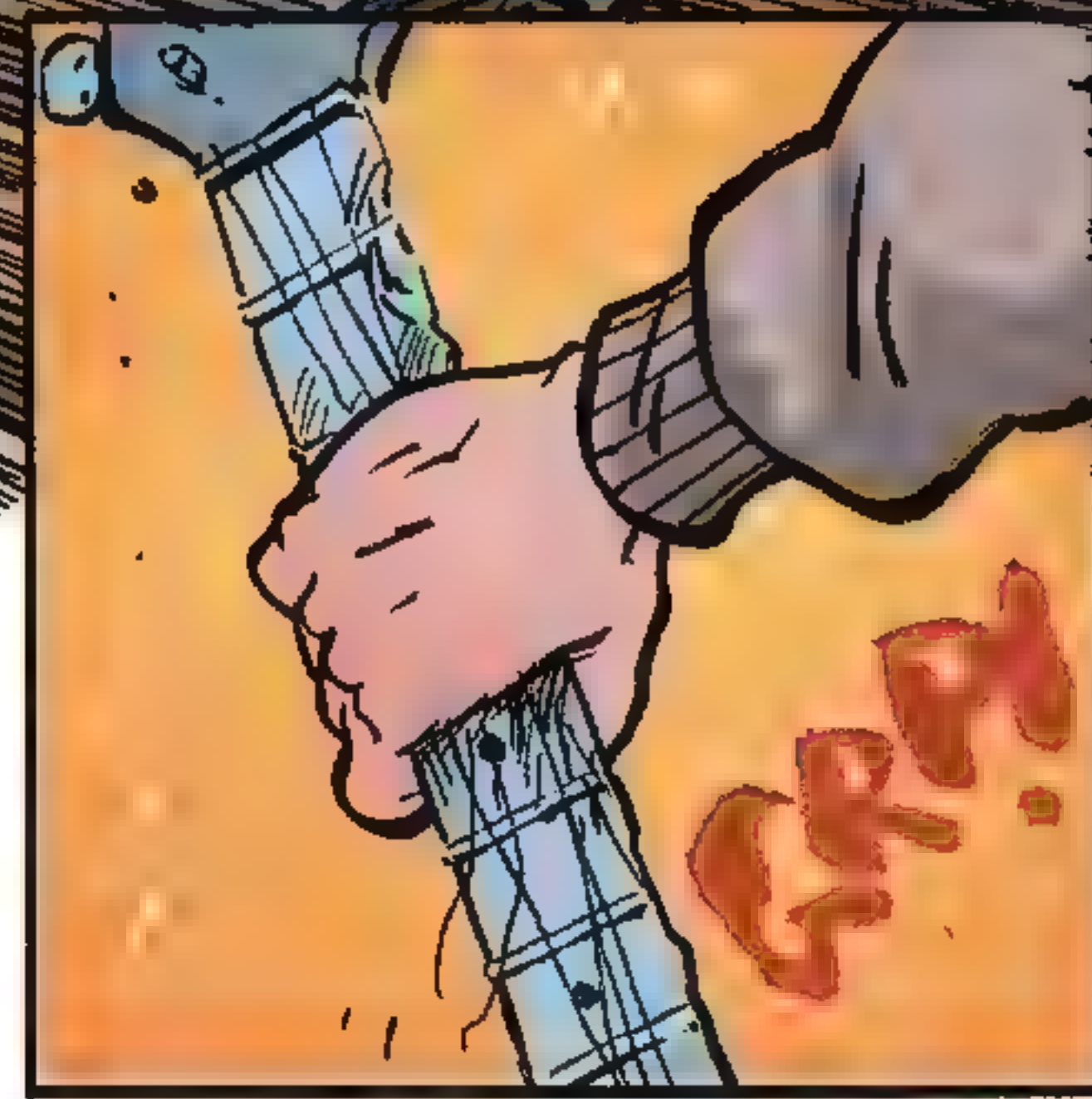
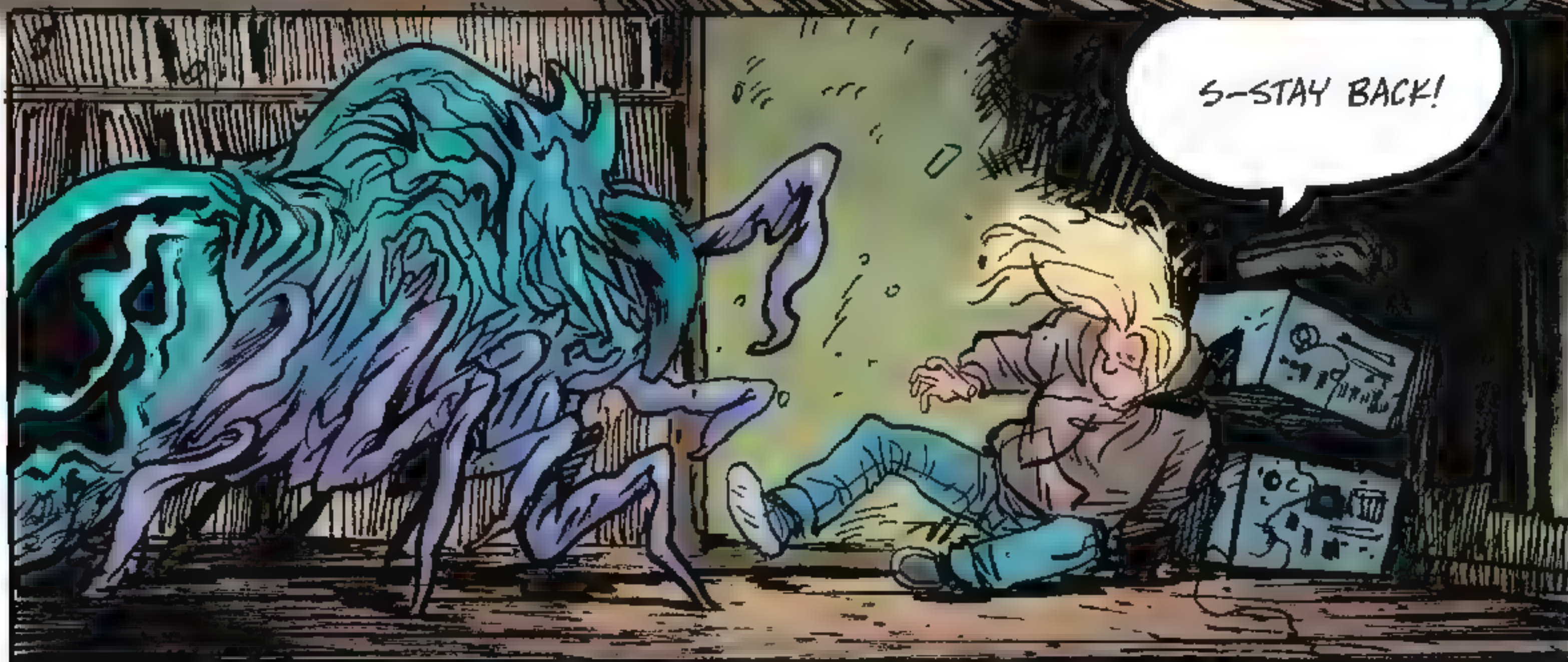
WELL...

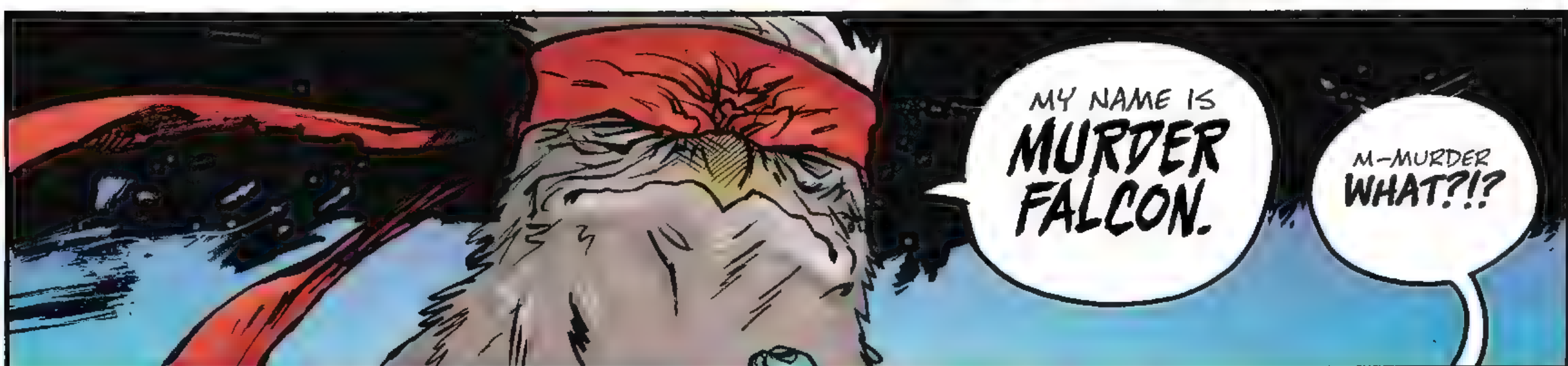
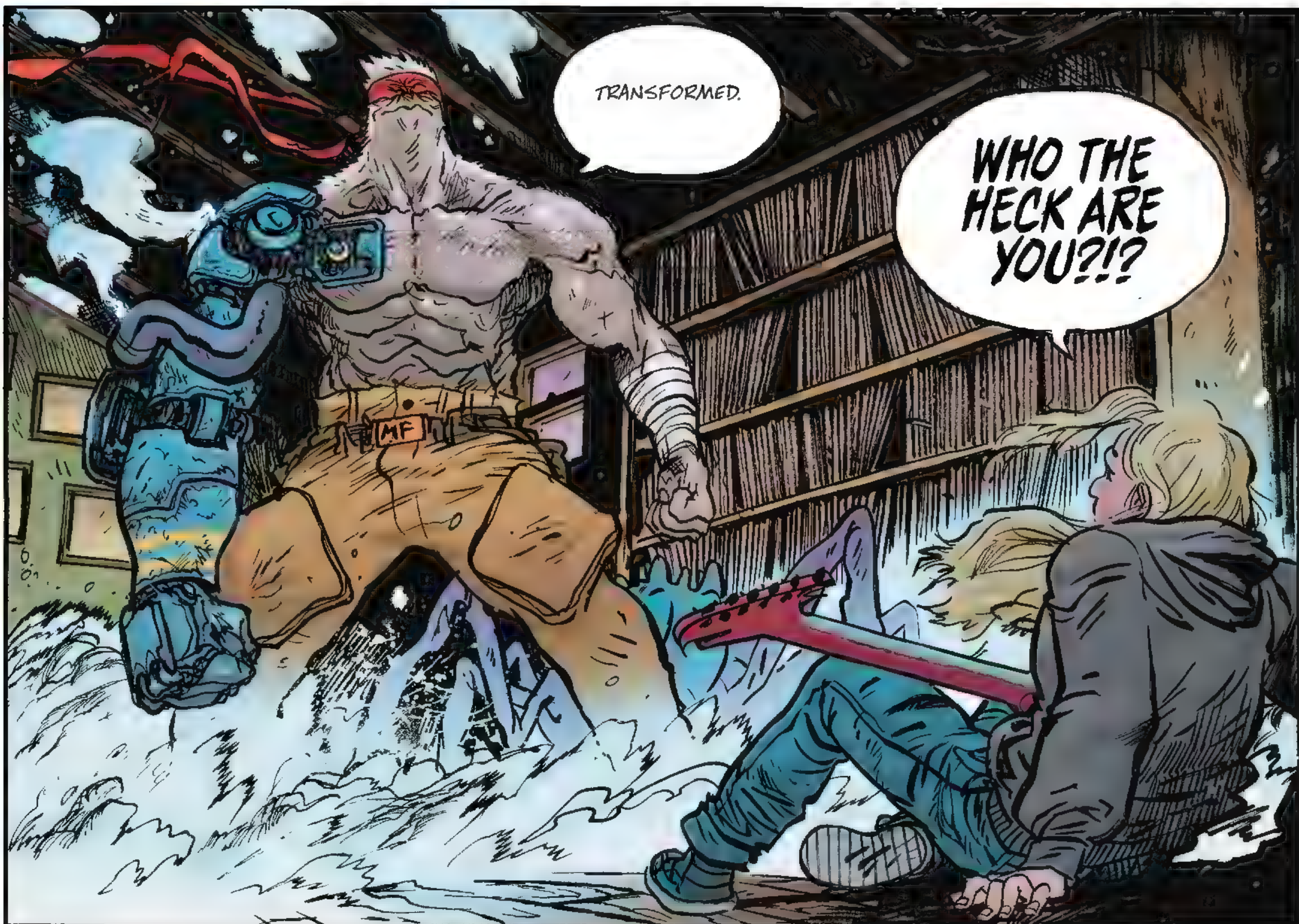


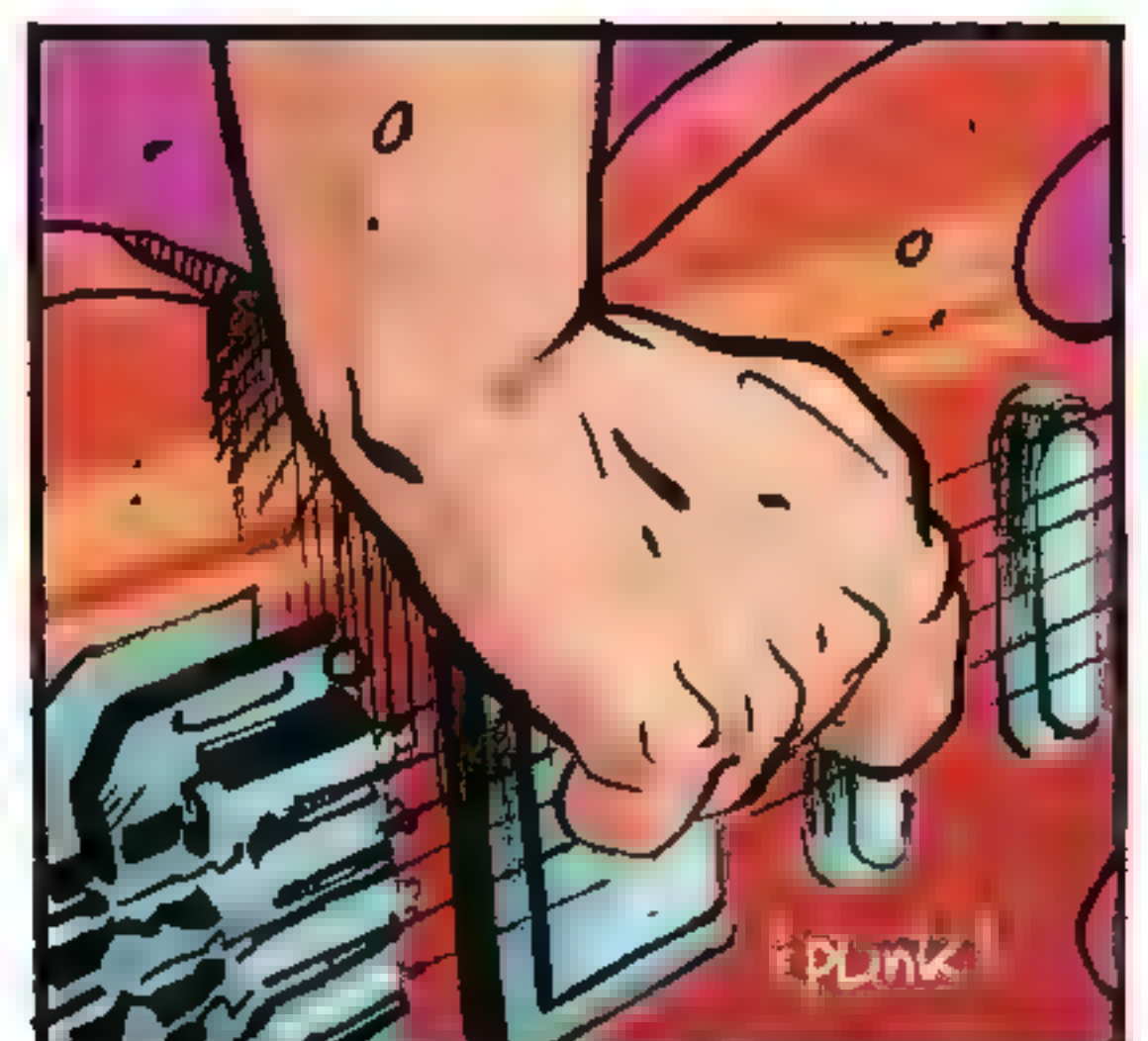
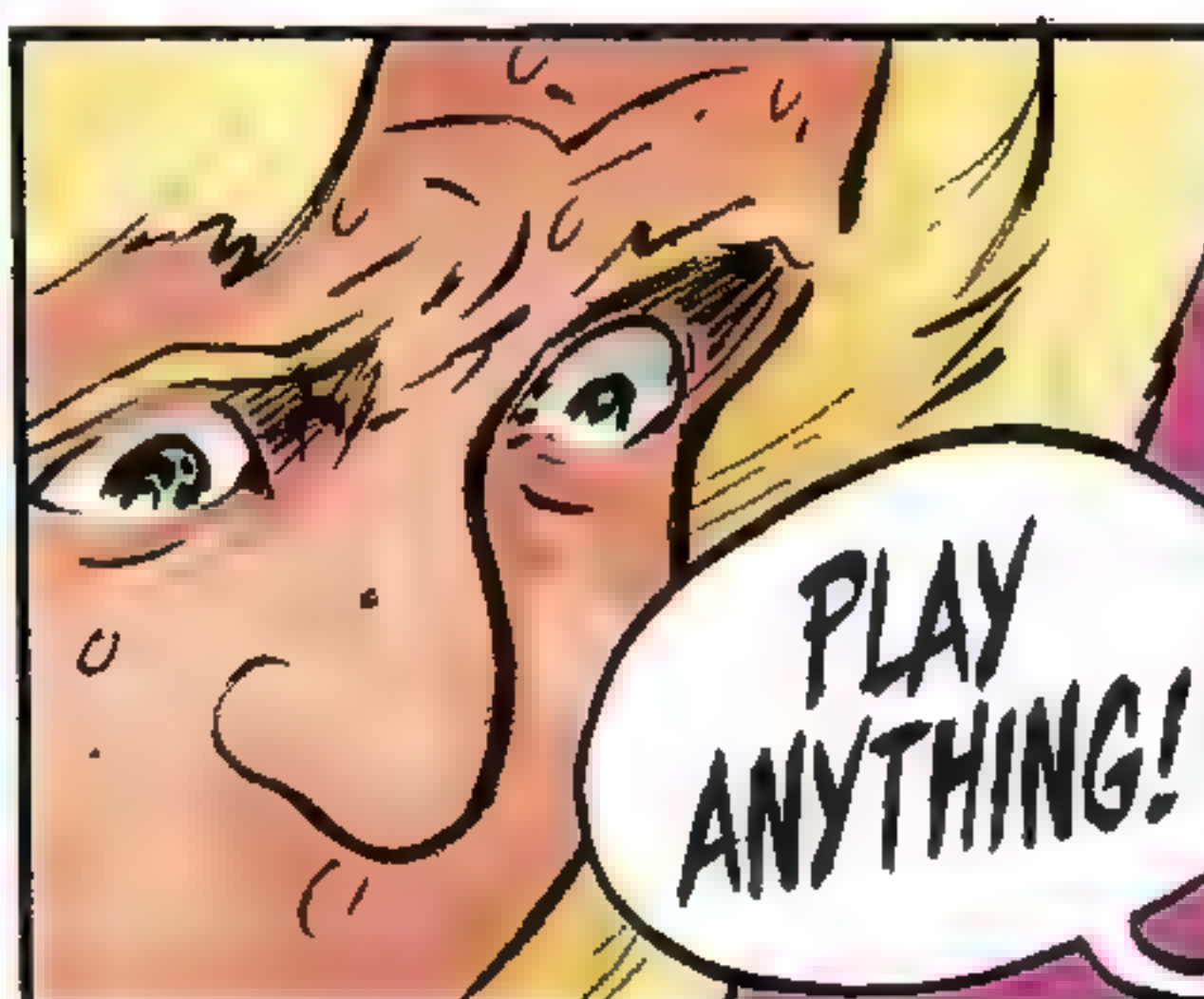
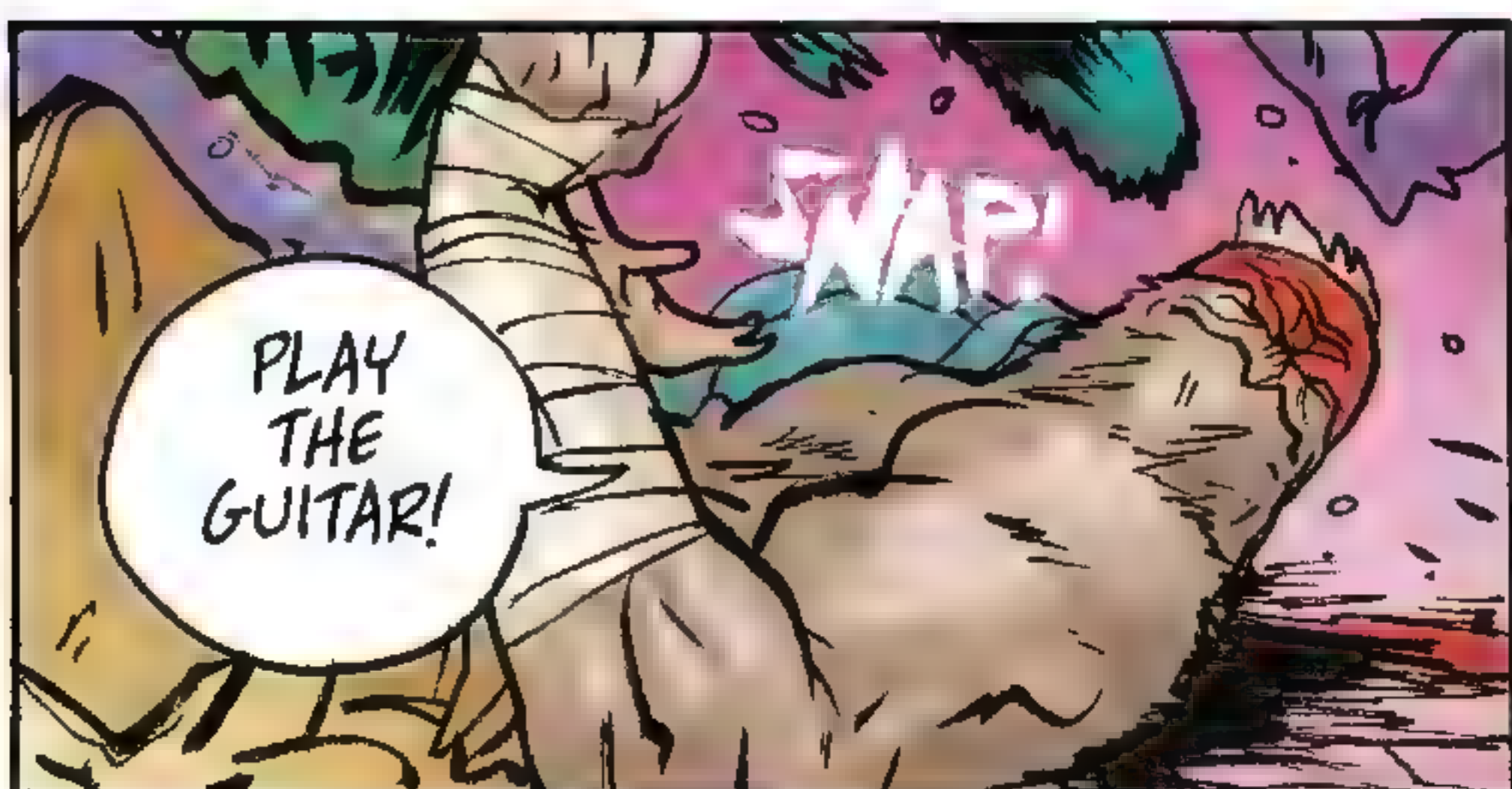
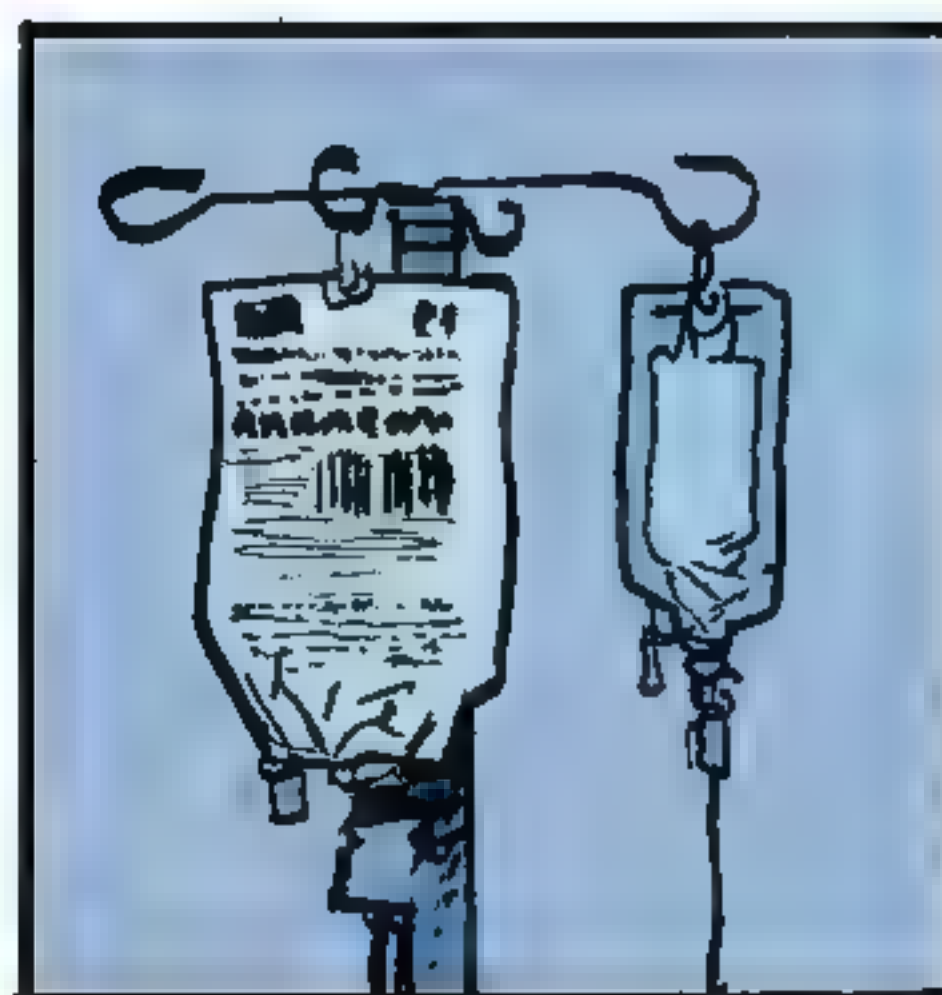
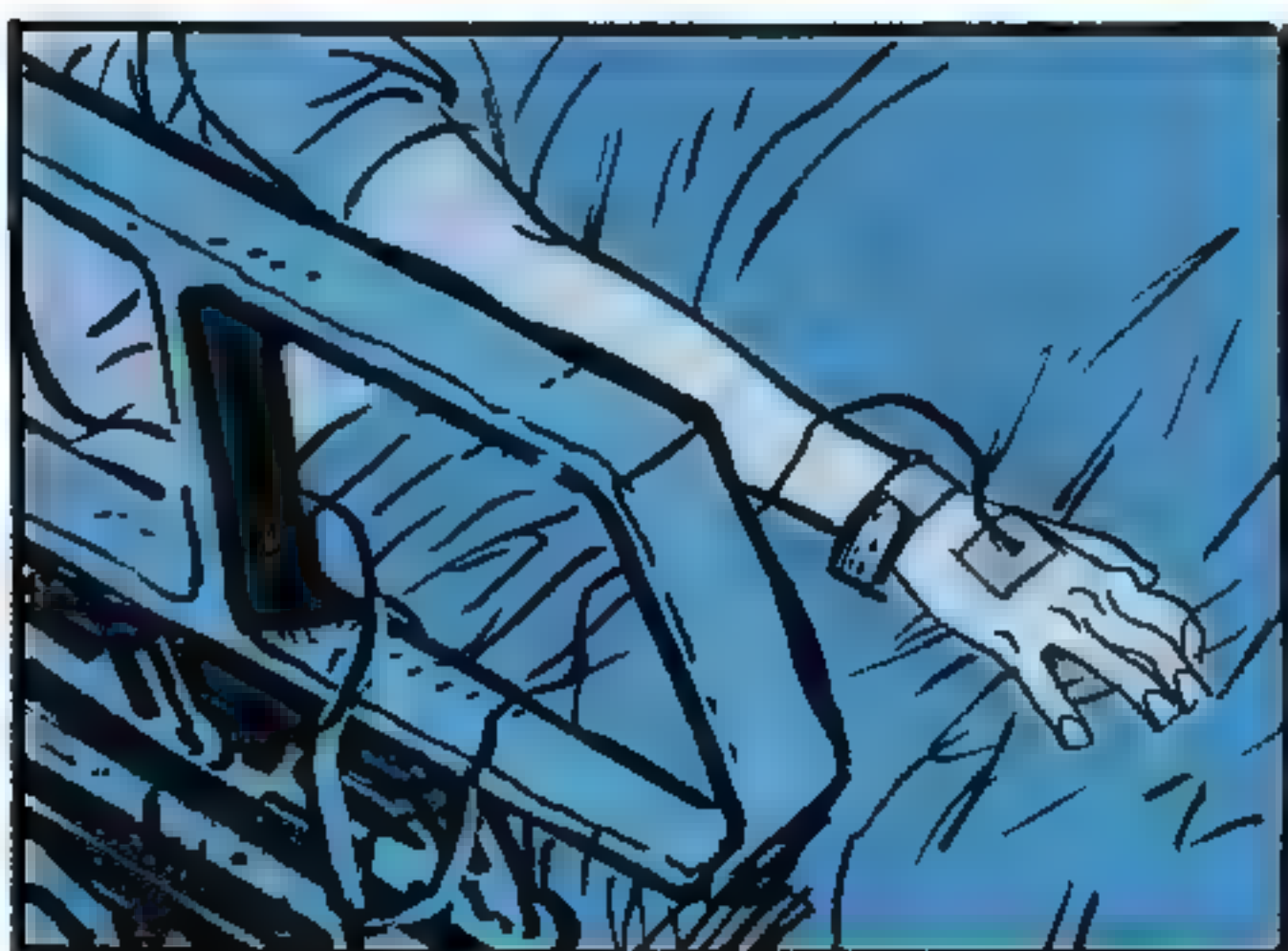
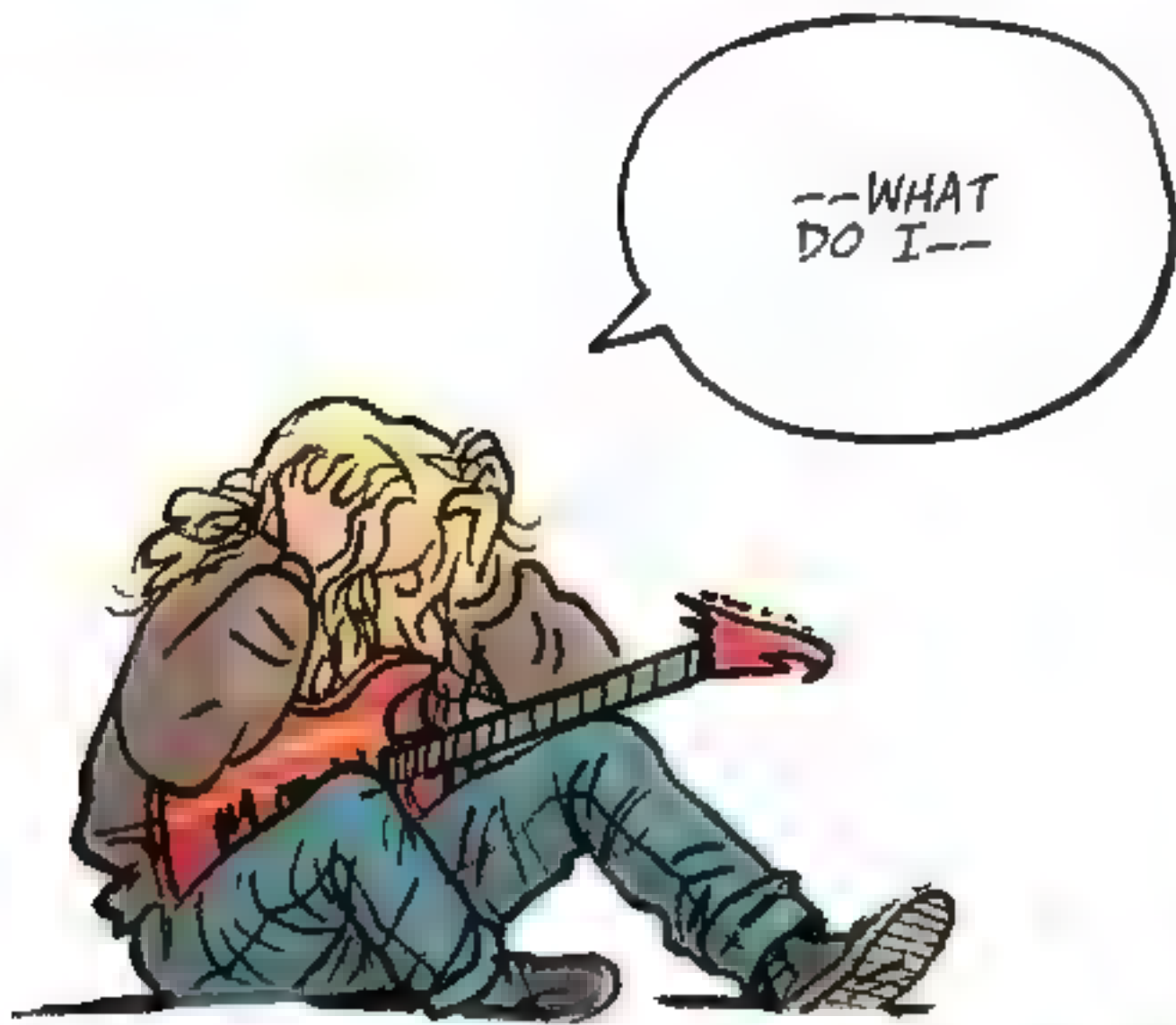
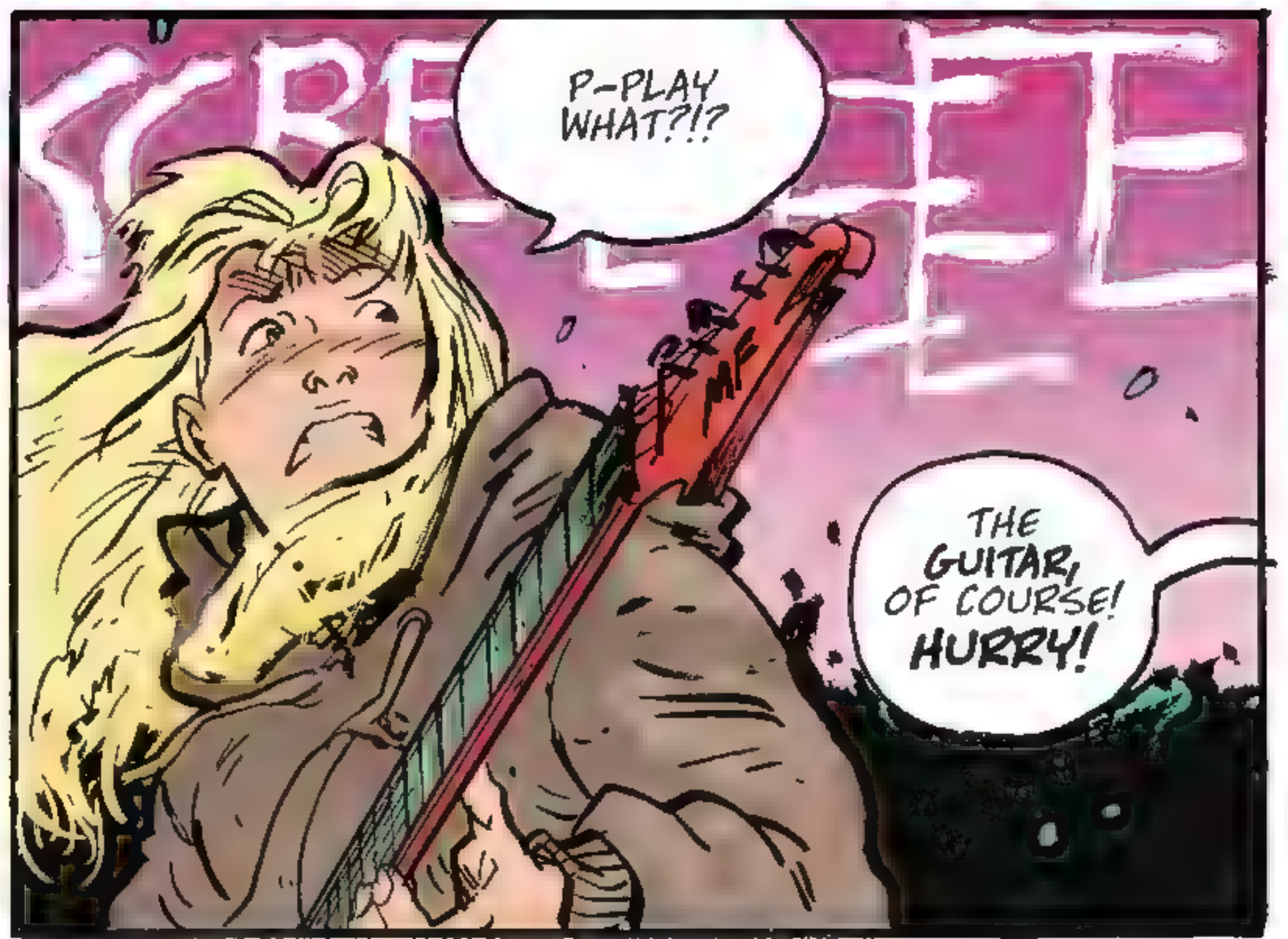
C'MON.
MY
TREAT.

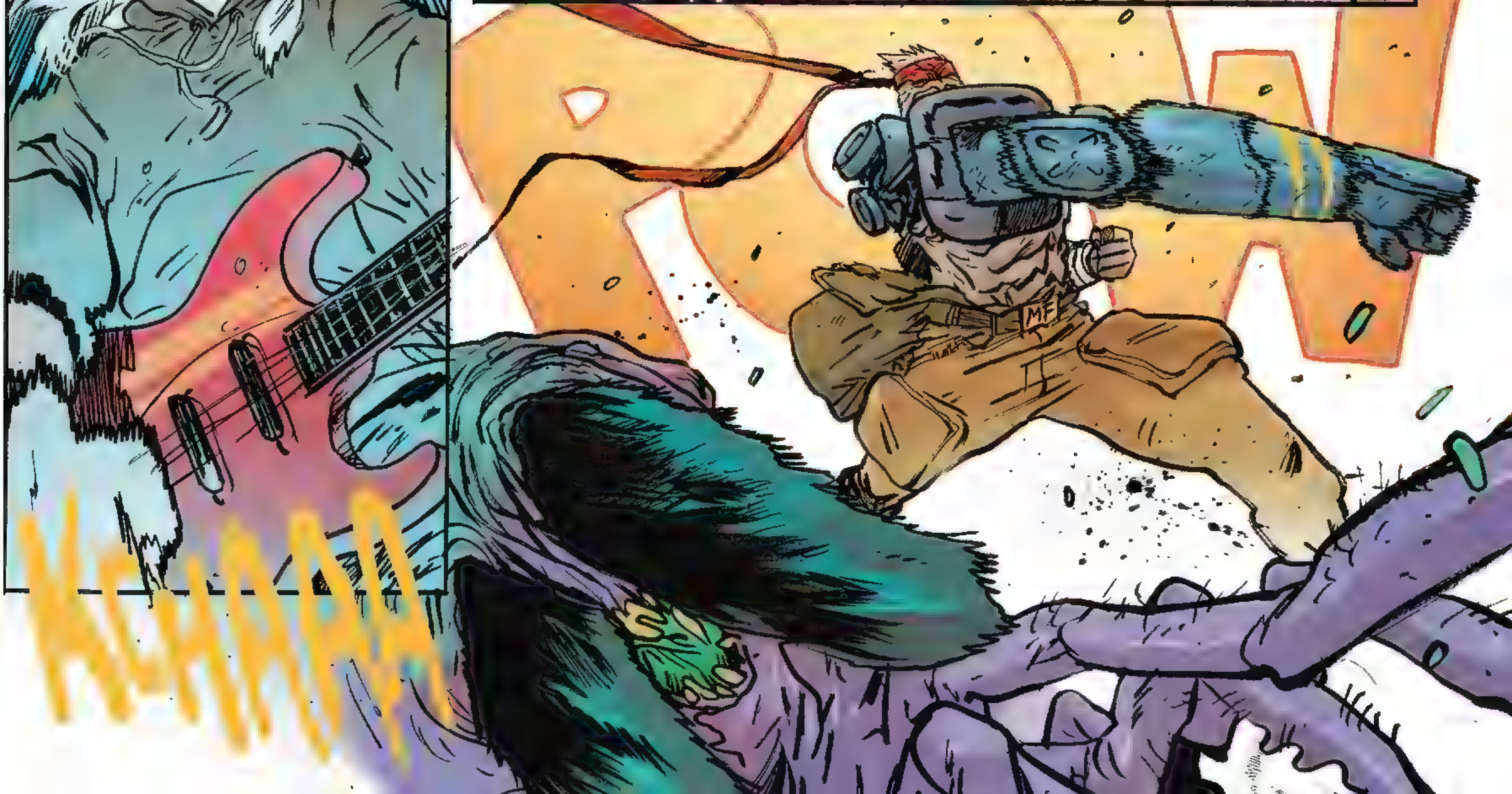
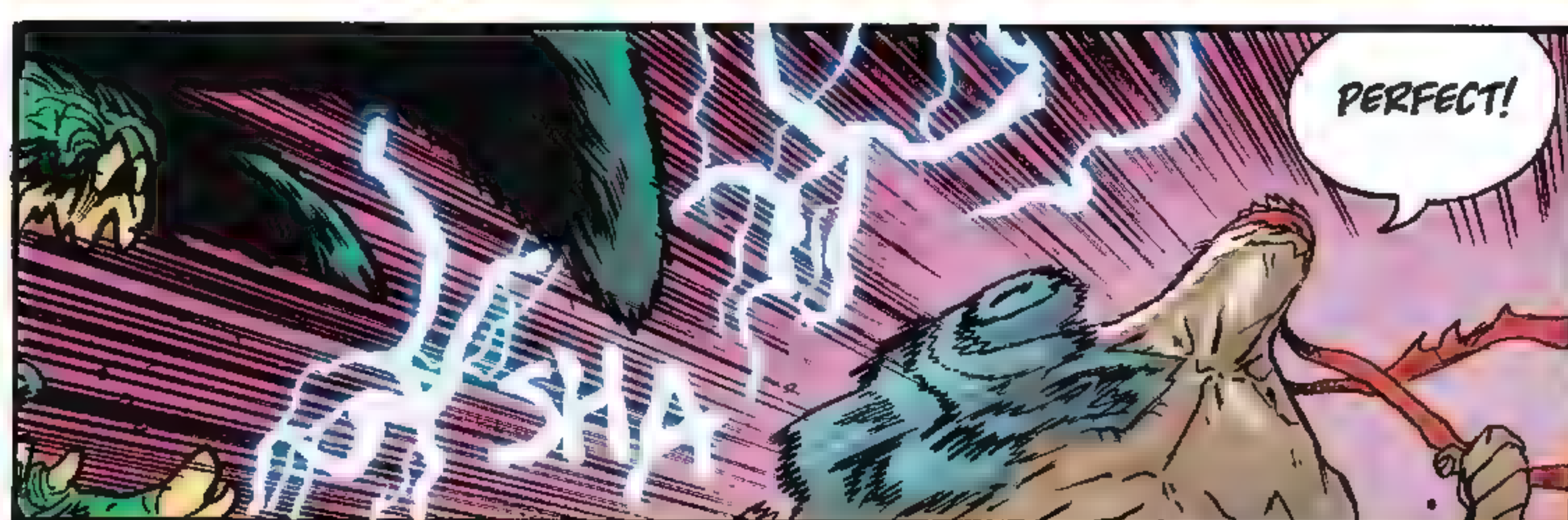
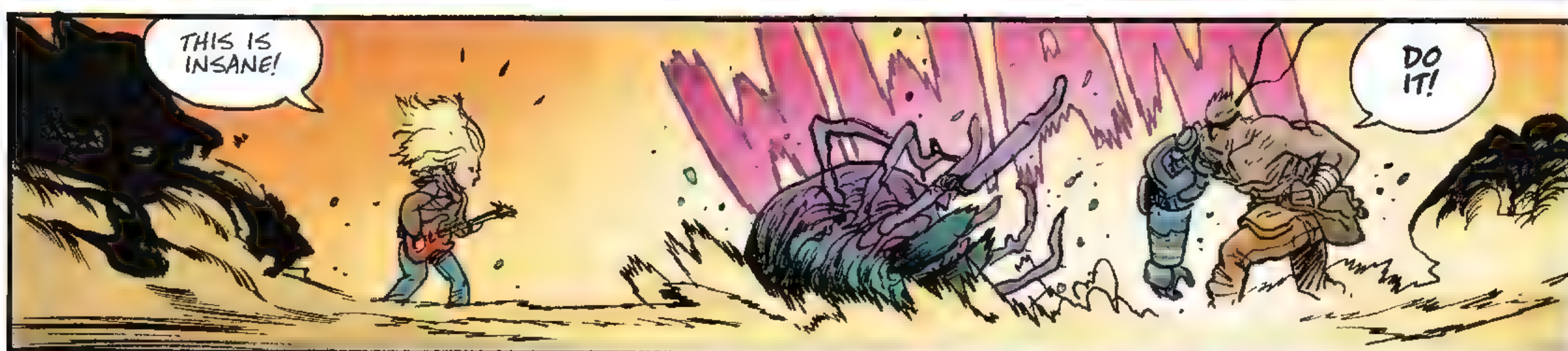


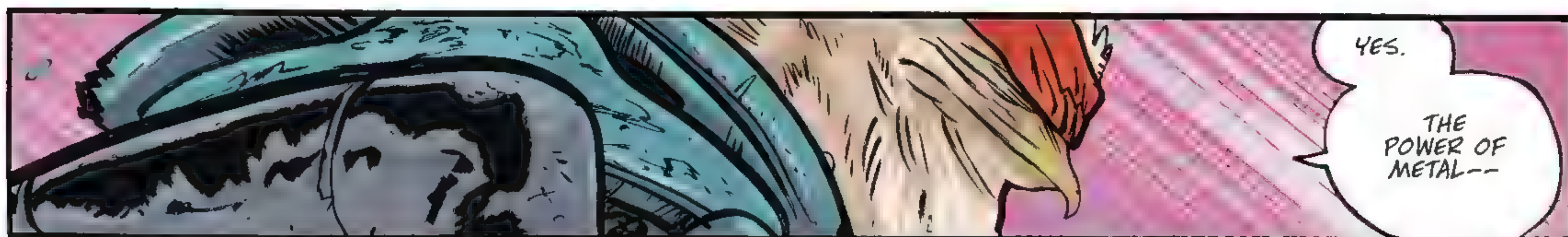
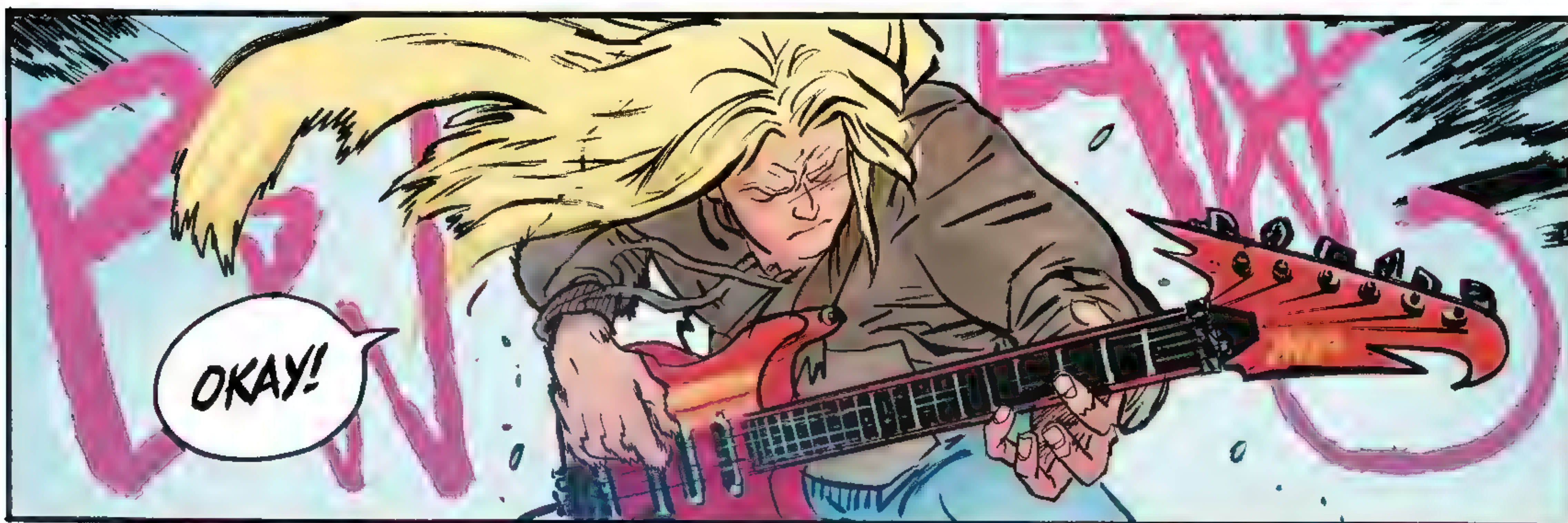


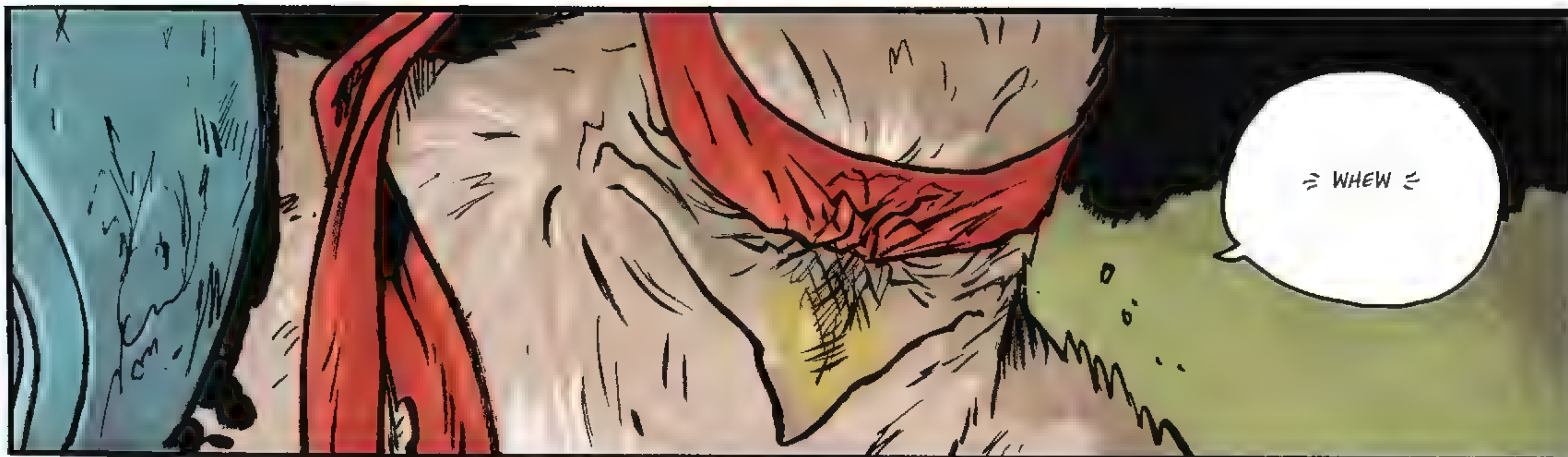












≡ WHEW ≡



WOW.

WOW, INDEED.
I WAS TOLD IN
THE HEAVY THAT
YOUR PLAYING WAS
IMPRESSIVE. I CAN SEE
NOW THAT THEY WERE
CONSERVATIVE WITH
THEIR WORDS.



TOGETHER WITH
THE POWER OF ROCK,
WE MIGHT BE ABLE
TO FIX THE TEAR
THAT HAUNTS
ALL HUMANS.

THE HECK...
WHAT TEAR?
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



A PORTAL
TO ANOTHER
DIMENSION,
INHABITED BY
THE KING OF
ALL HATRED
AND FEAR.

HIS
NAME...

IS
MAGNUM
KHAOS.

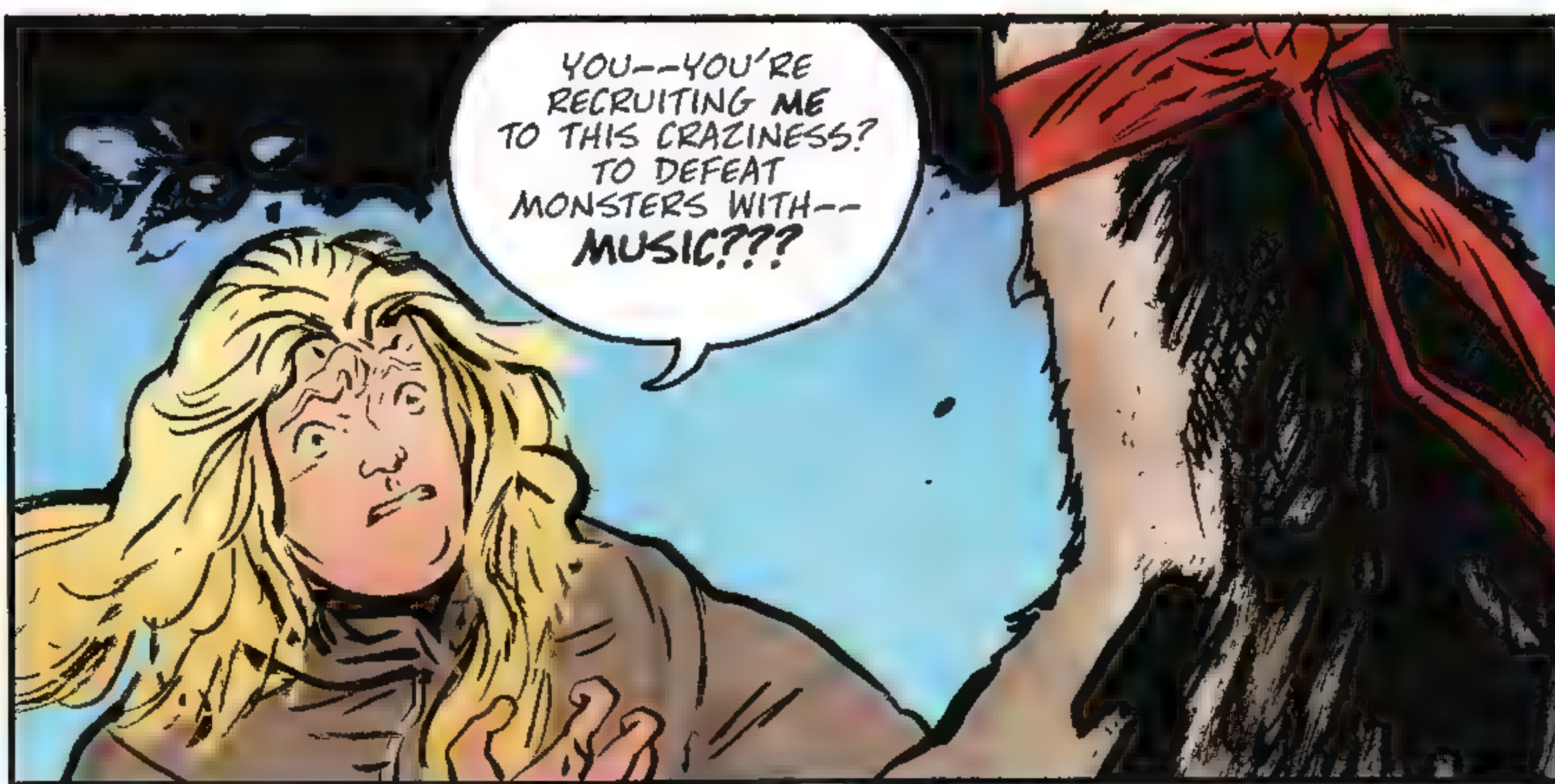
HE HAS BEEN
PLANNING THIS ATTACK
FOR CENTURIES. HE FEEDS
OFF HUMAN ANXIETY AND
CRUELTY, SECRETLY
SUCKING THEIR NEGATIVE
ENERGY TO HIS DARK
WORLD.

HE NOW HAS THE
FUEL HE NEEDS TO
POWER THIS PASSAGEWAY
TO BRING THESE
MONSTERS, THE VELDAR,
TO YOUR PLANET, IN
ORDER TO ENSLAVE
ALL OF HUMANITY.



BUT WITH
YOUR HELP,
JAKE--

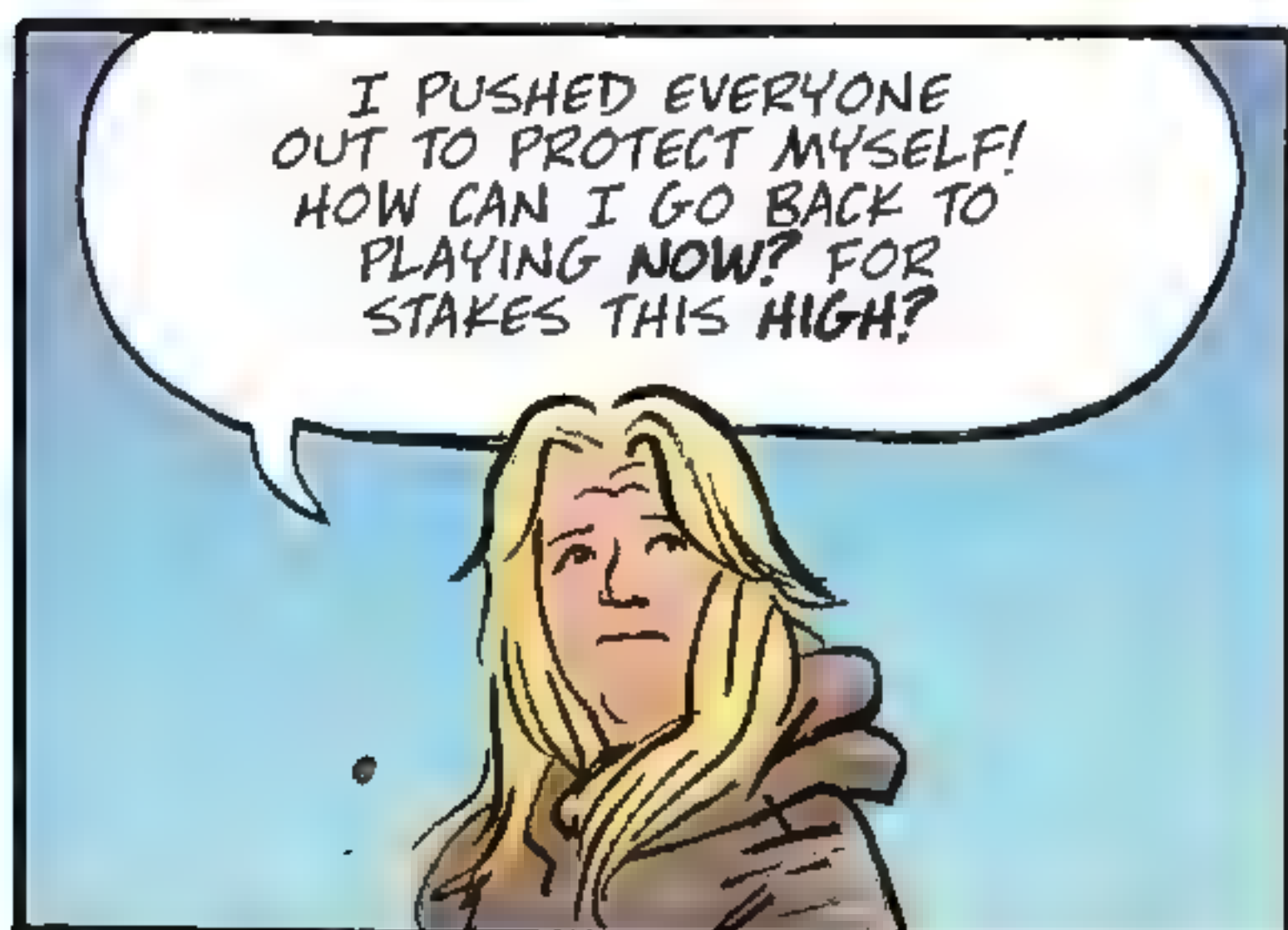
HOLD
ON...



YOU--YOU'RE
RECRUITING ME
TO THIS CRAZINESS?
TO DEFEAT
MONSTERS WITH--
MUSIC???



ME, HELPING TO
SAVE THE WORLD?
NO. NO. I COULDN'T
EVEN KEEP MY OWN
BAND TOGETHER
AFTER I LOST...
EVERYTHING!



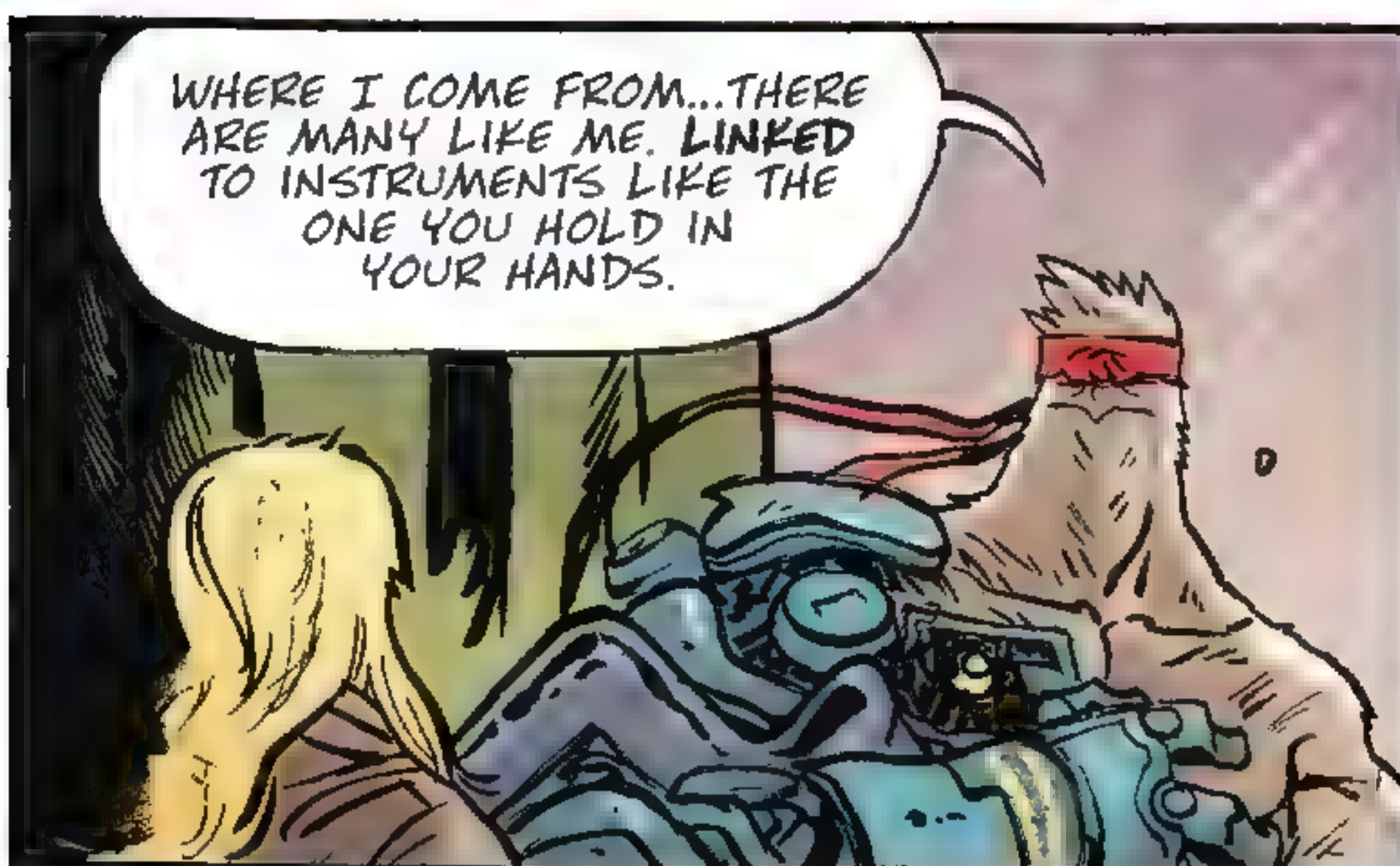
I PUSHED EVERYONE
OUT TO PROTECT MYSELF!
HOW CAN I GO BACK TO
PLAYING NOW? FOR
STAKES THIS HIGH?



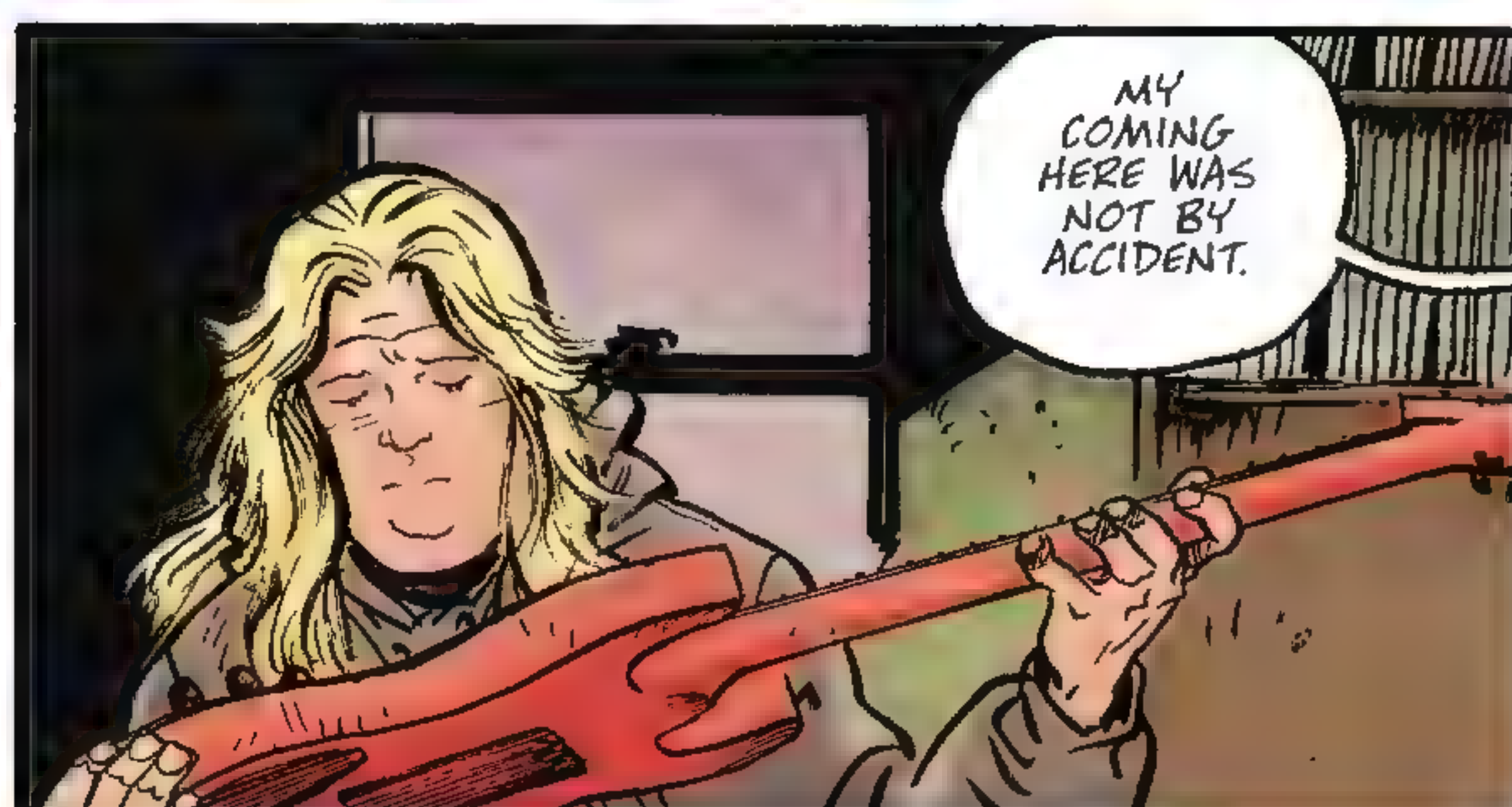
I'M
WORTHLESS
TO YOU.



JAKE...



WHERE I COME FROM...THERE
ARE MANY LIKE ME. LINKED
TO INSTRUMENTS LIKE THE
ONE YOU HOLD IN
YOUR HANDS.



MY
COMING
HERE WAS
NOT BY
ACCIDENT.



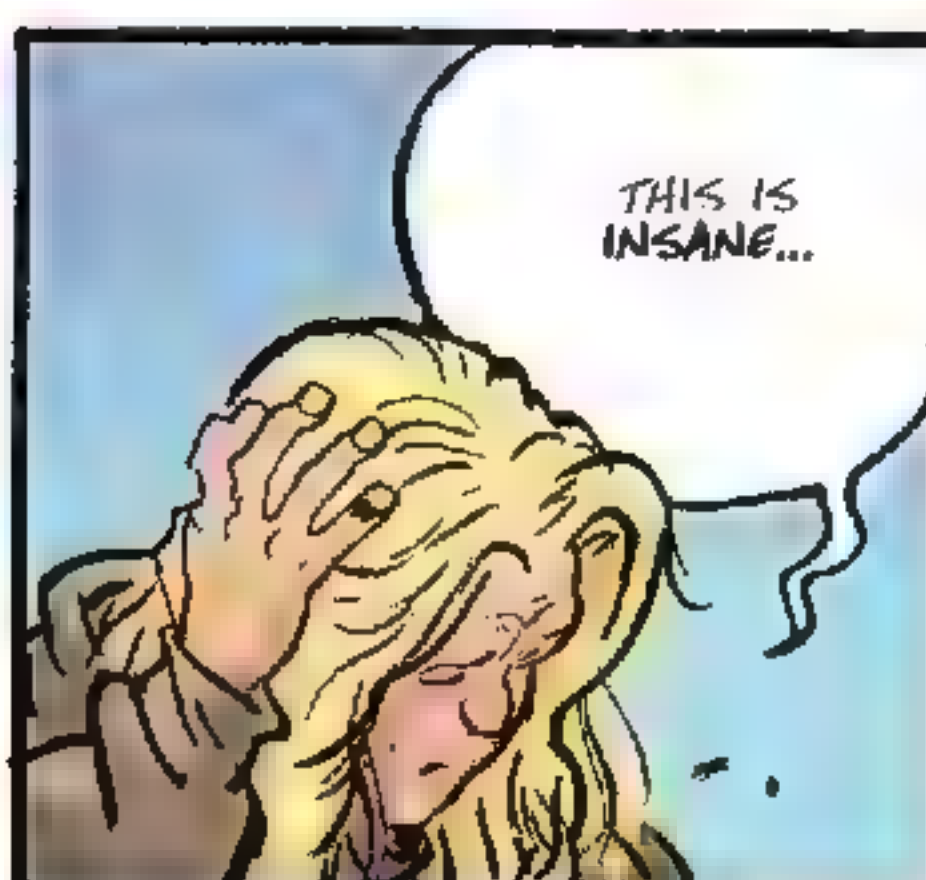
I CHOSE
YOU,
JAKE.

YOU
ARE
TALENTED.
KIND.
RESILIENT.
THERE IS
A SPARK
INSIDE
YOU, EVEN
THOUGH YOU
TRY TO HIDE
IT. AND IT IS
THAT SPARK,
THROUGH
THAT GUITAR,
THAT HELPS
ME TO---

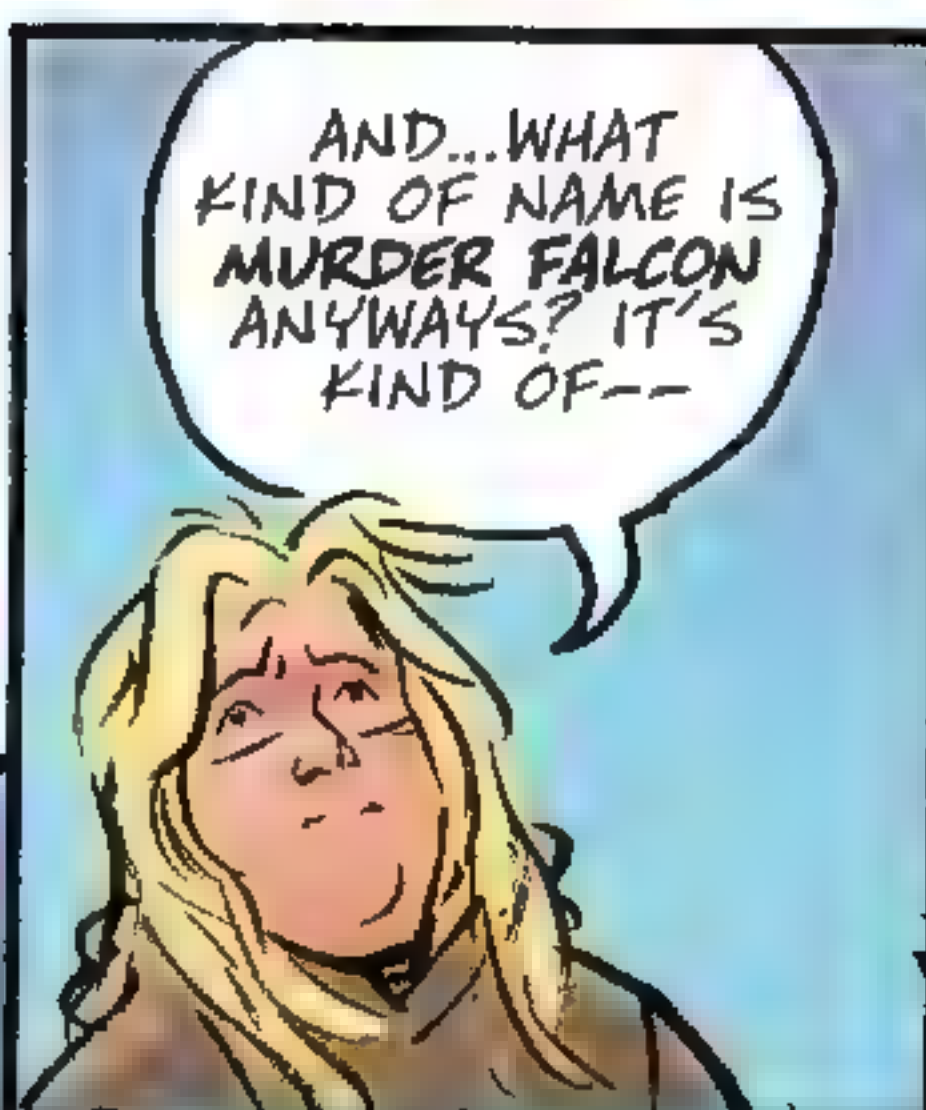


FIGHT
EVIL?

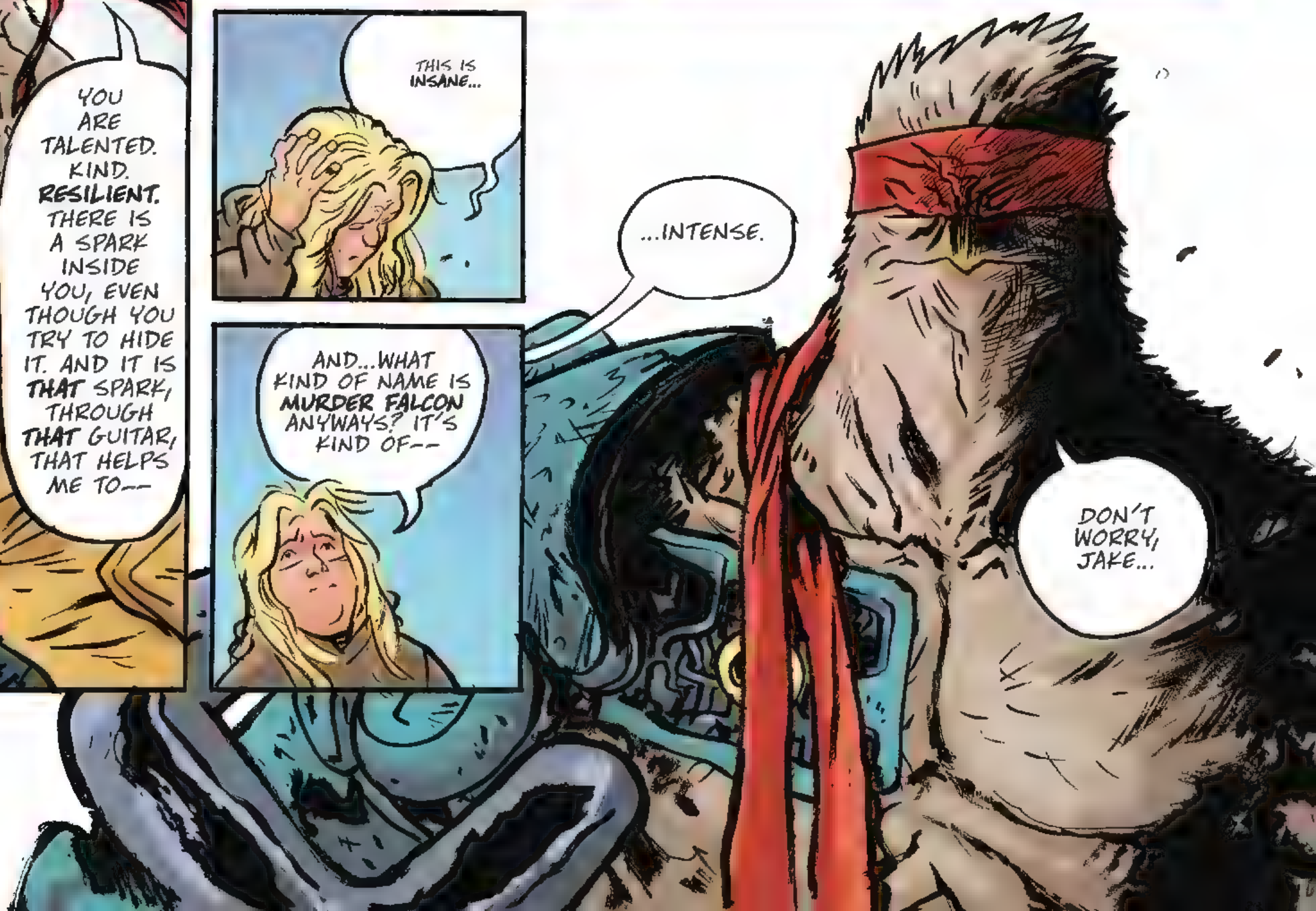
AND
SAVE THE
WORLD.



THIS IS
INSANE...

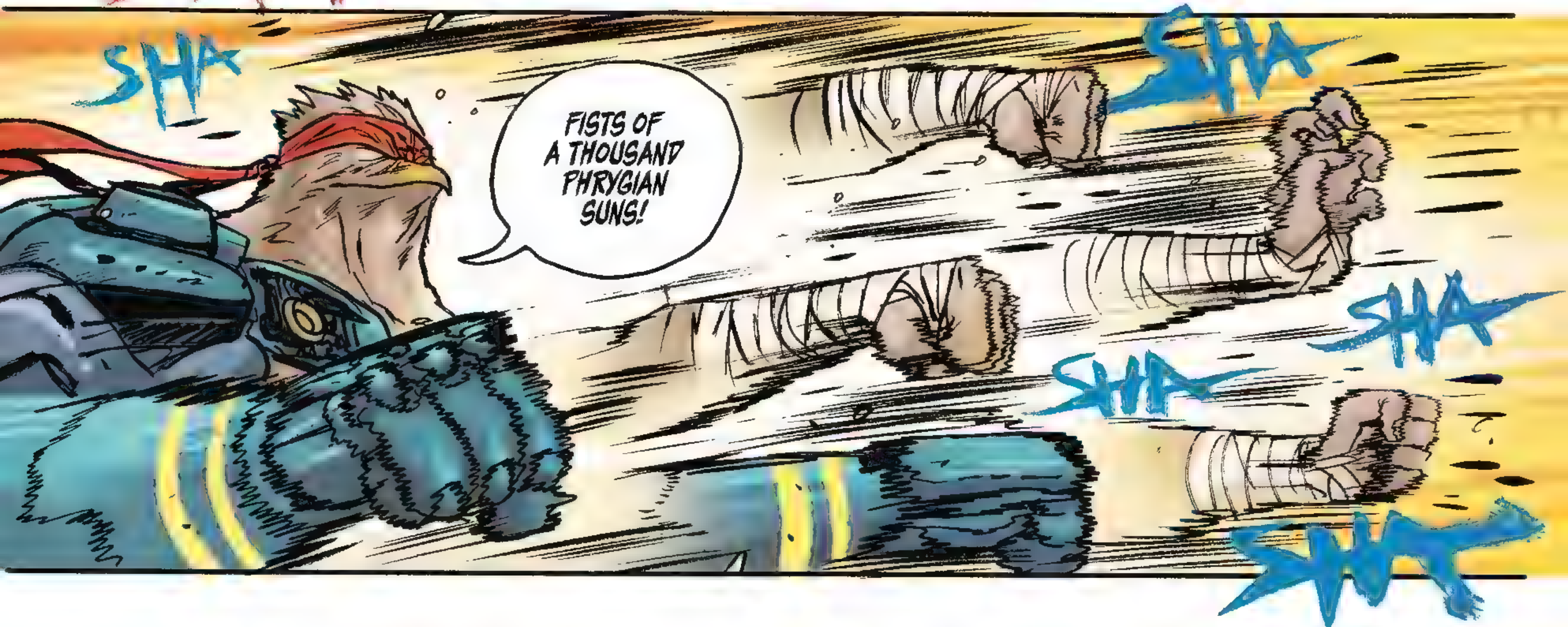
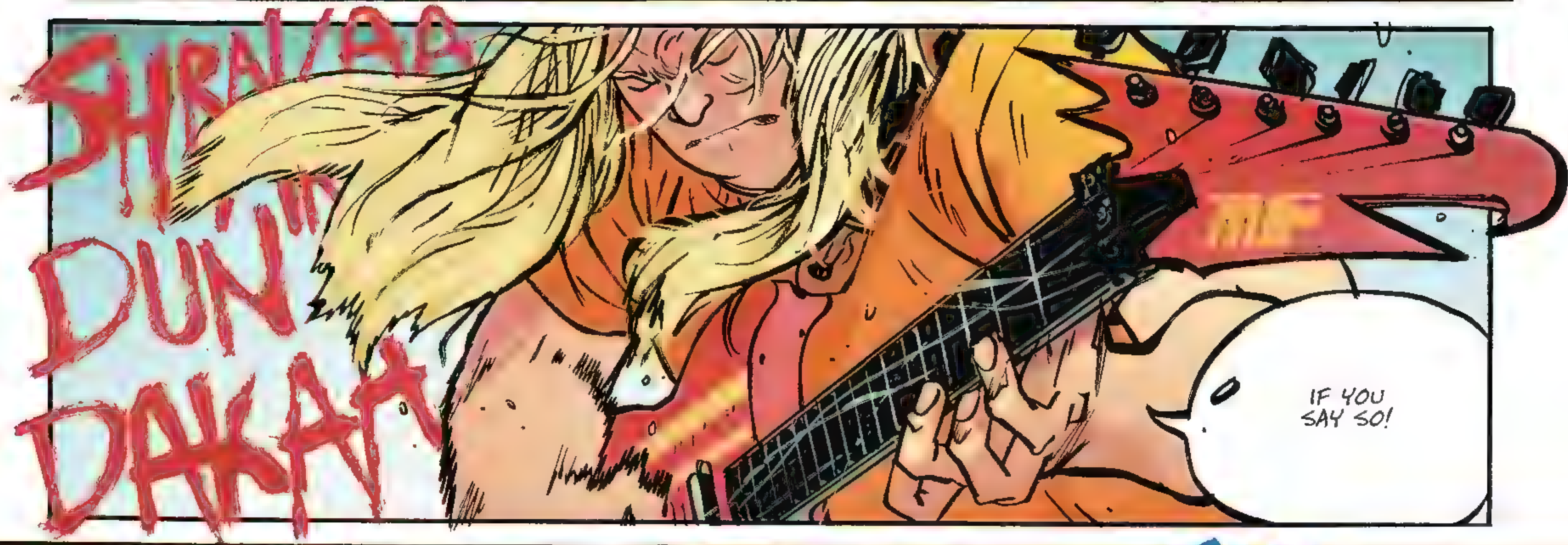


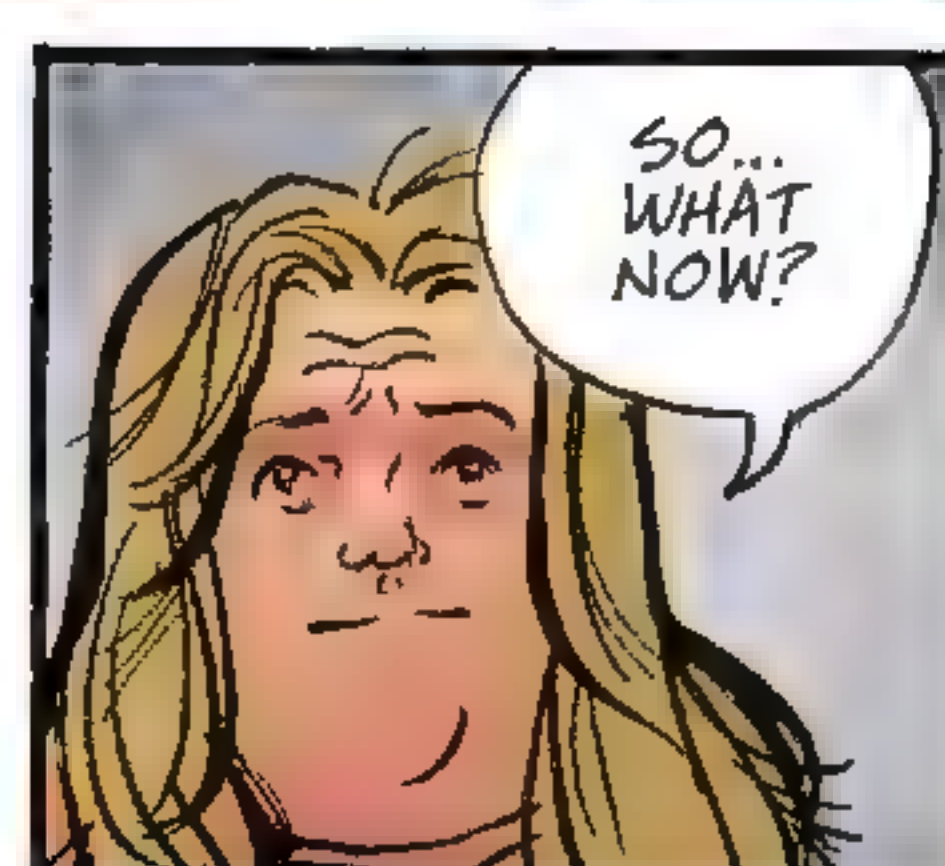
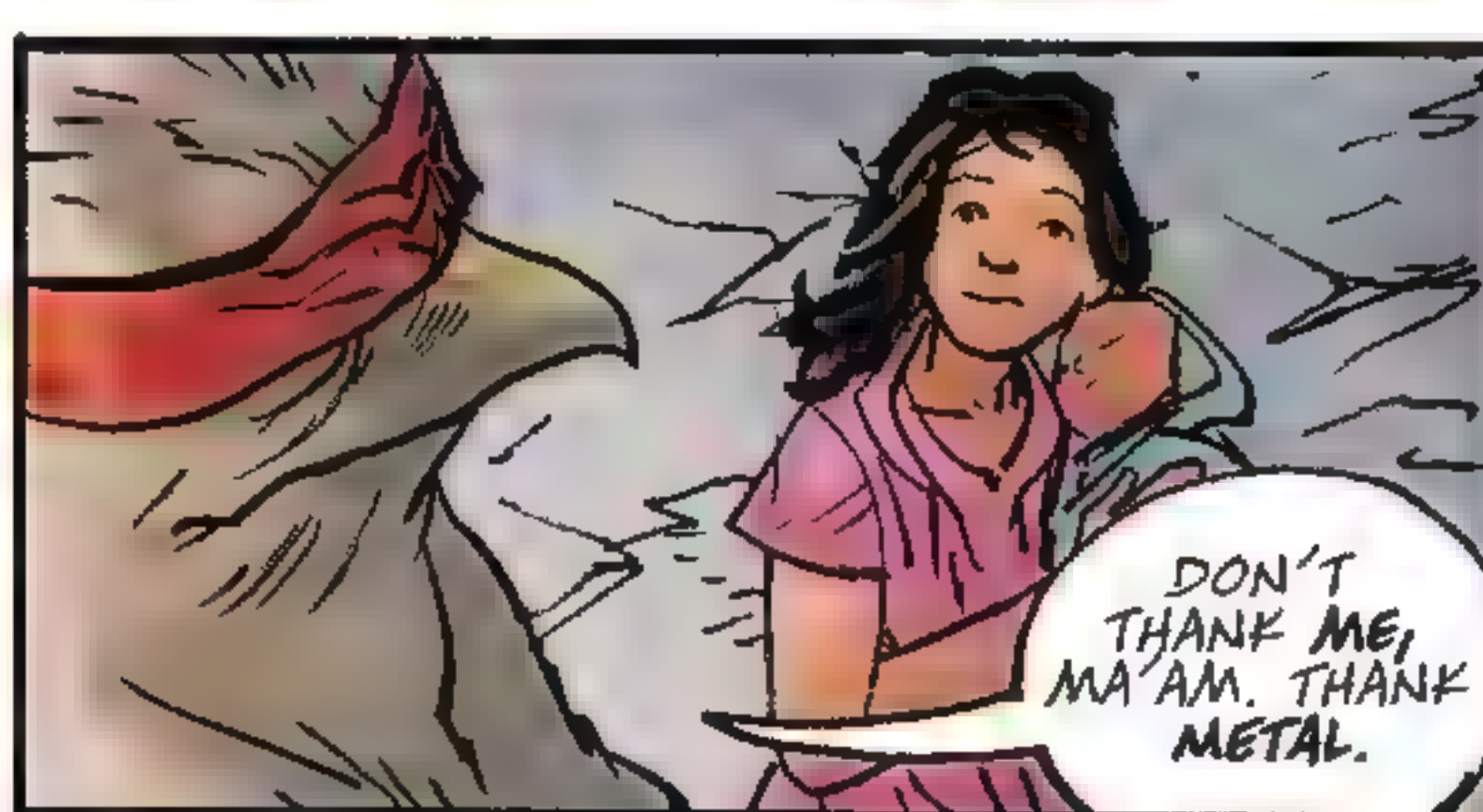
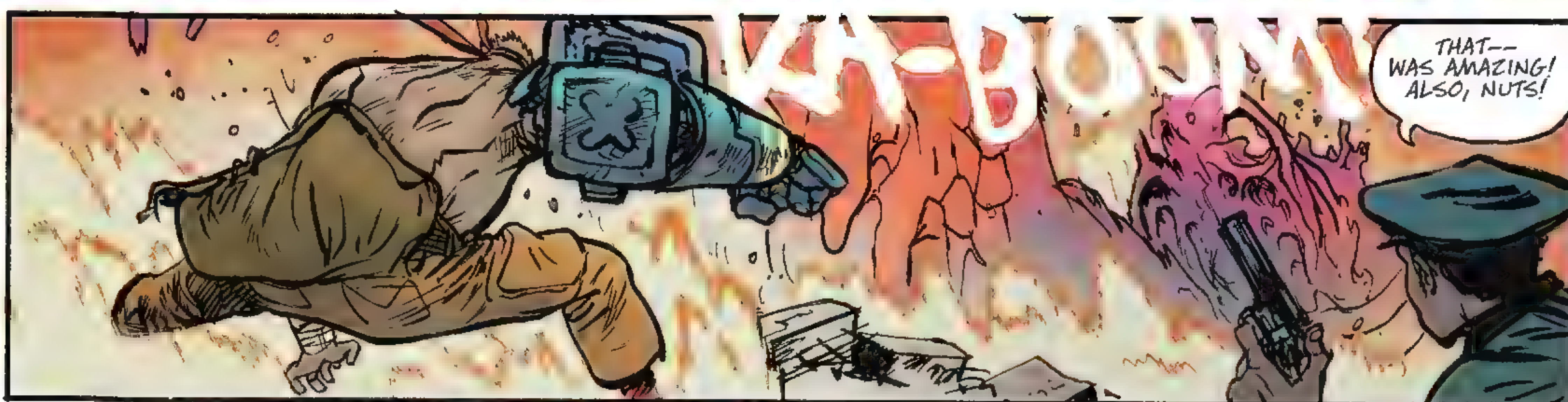
AND...WHAT
KIND OF NAME IS
MURDER FALCON
ANYWAYS? IT'S
KIND OF--

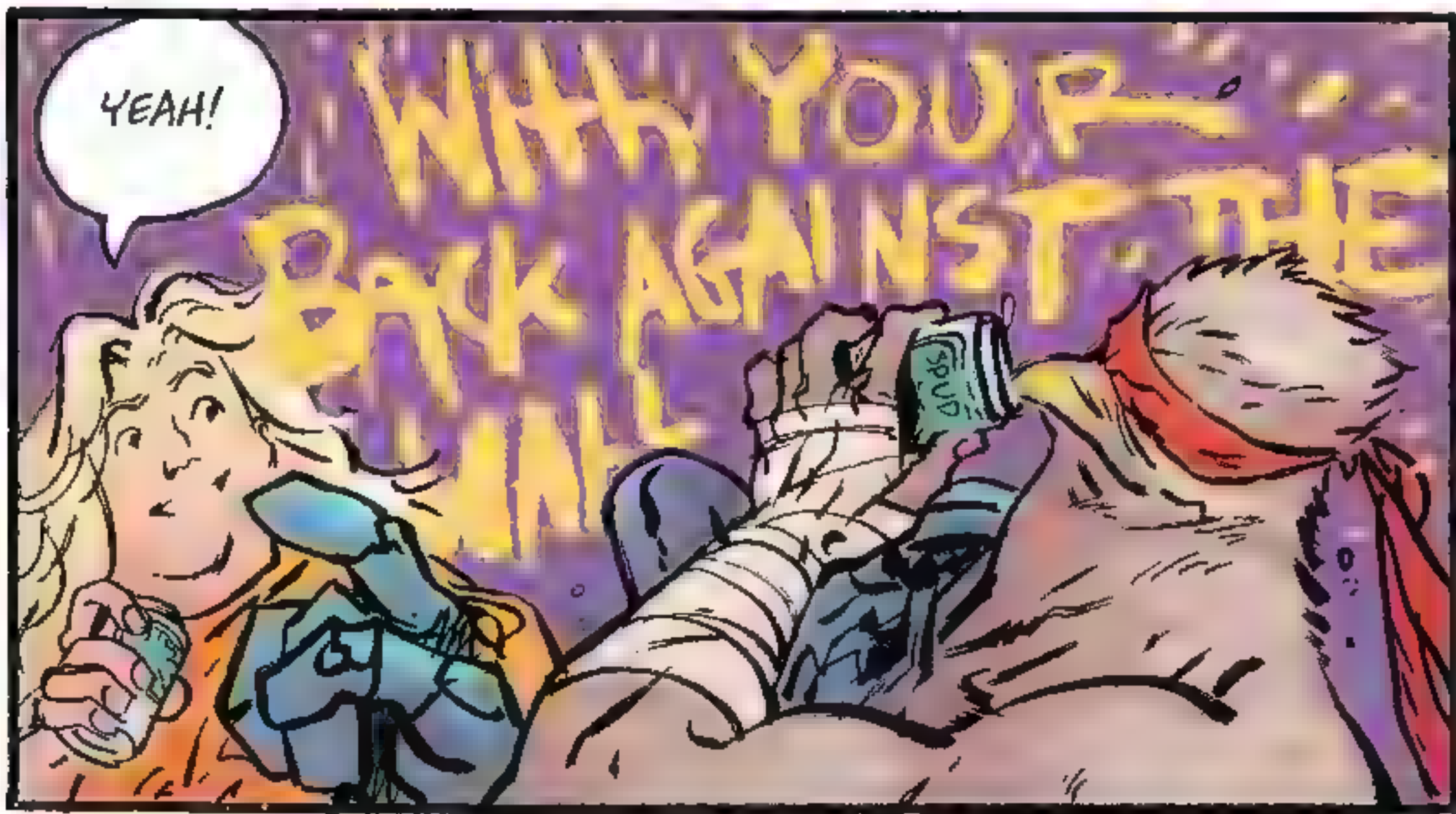


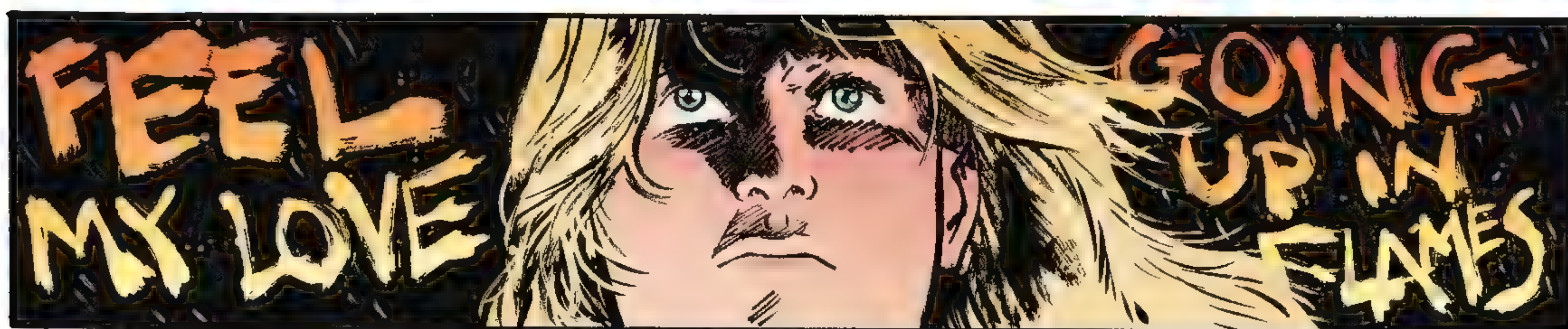
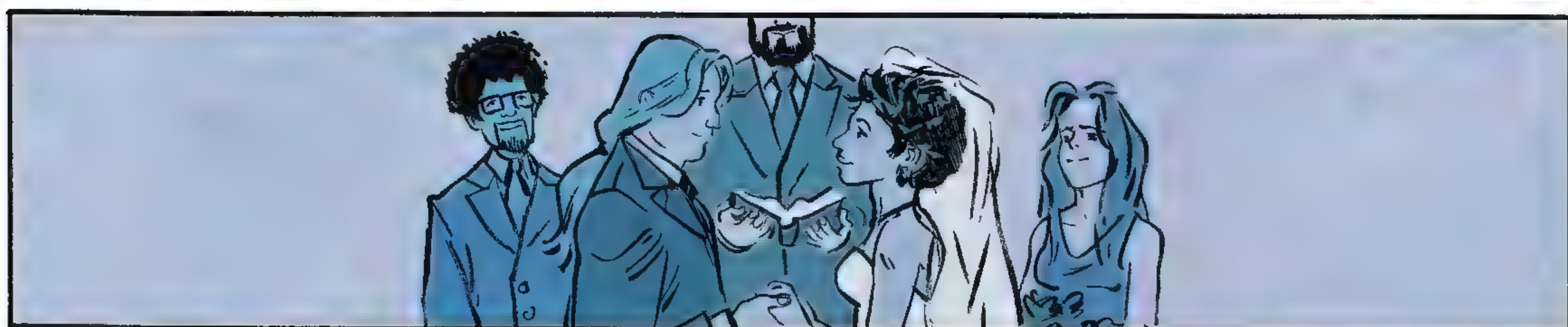
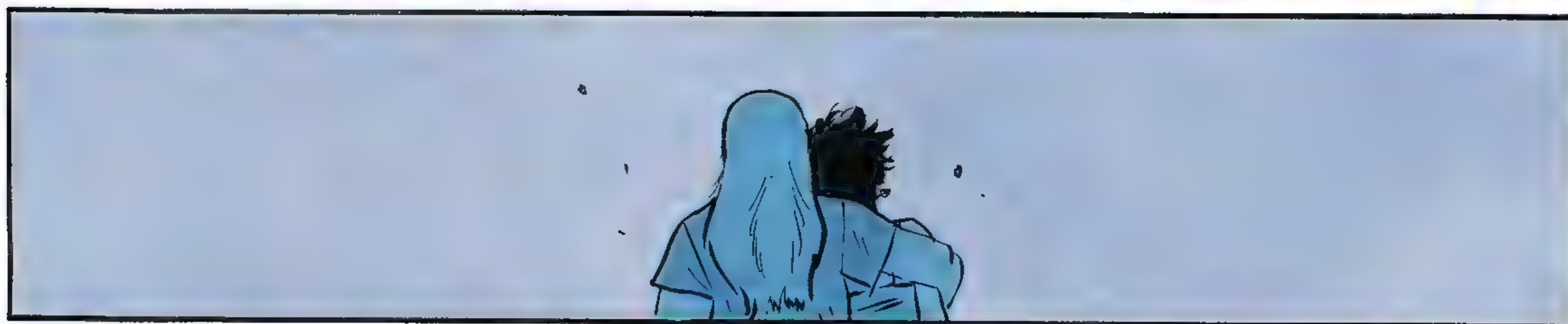
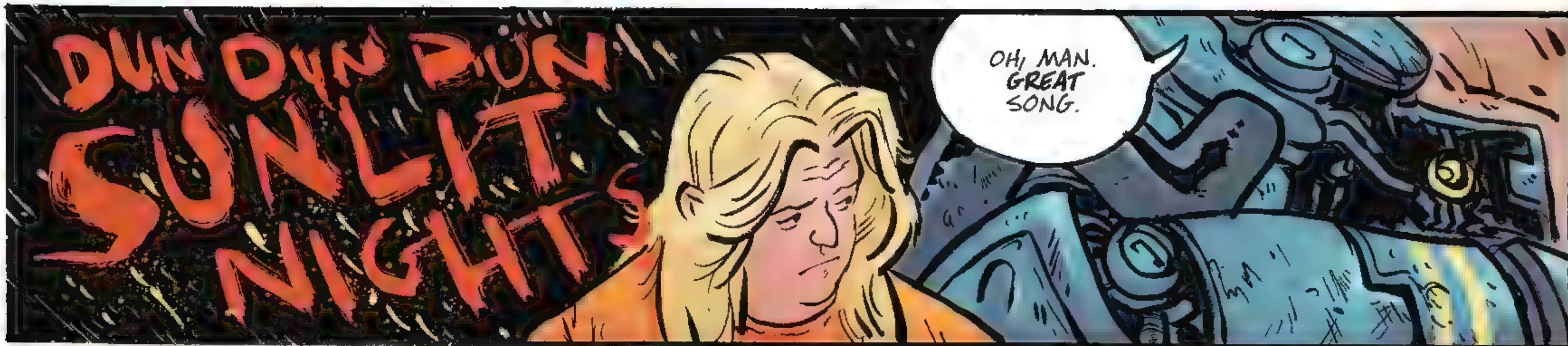
...INTENSE.

DON'T
WORRY,
JAKE...









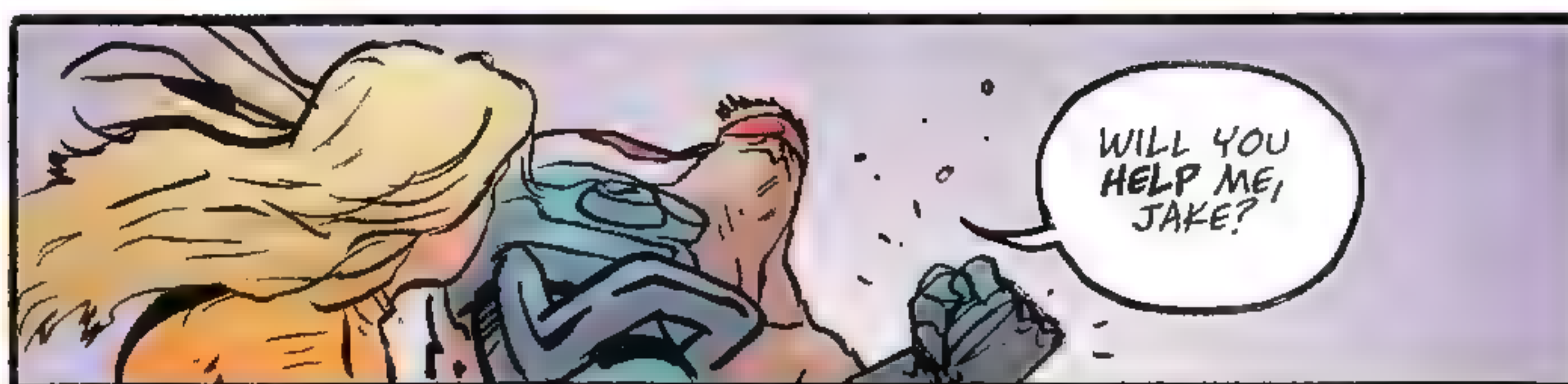
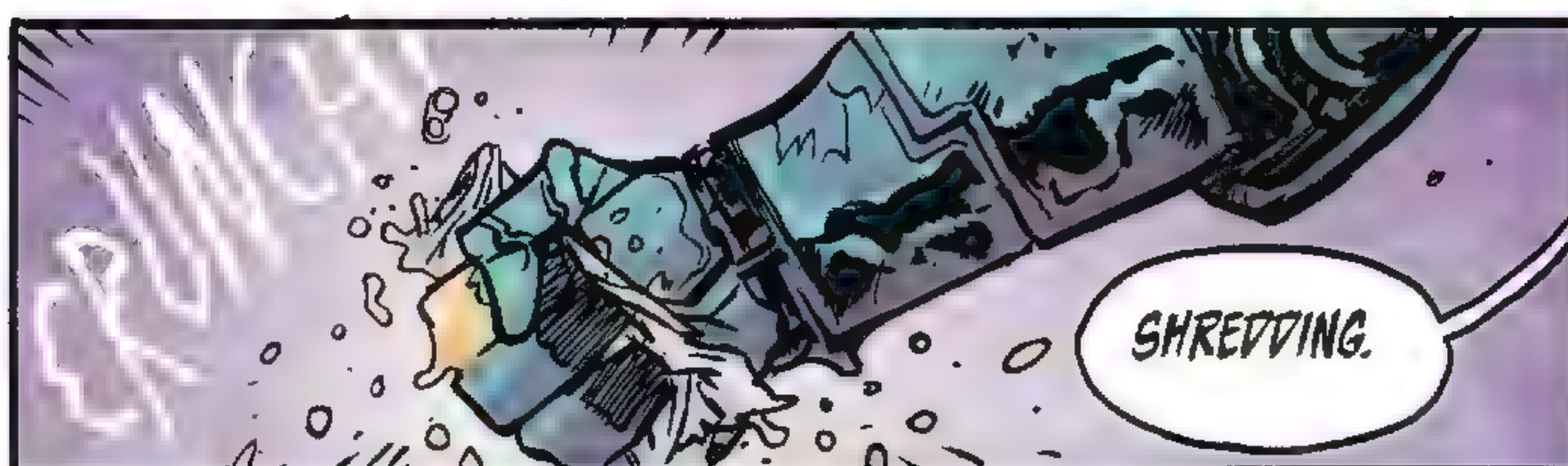


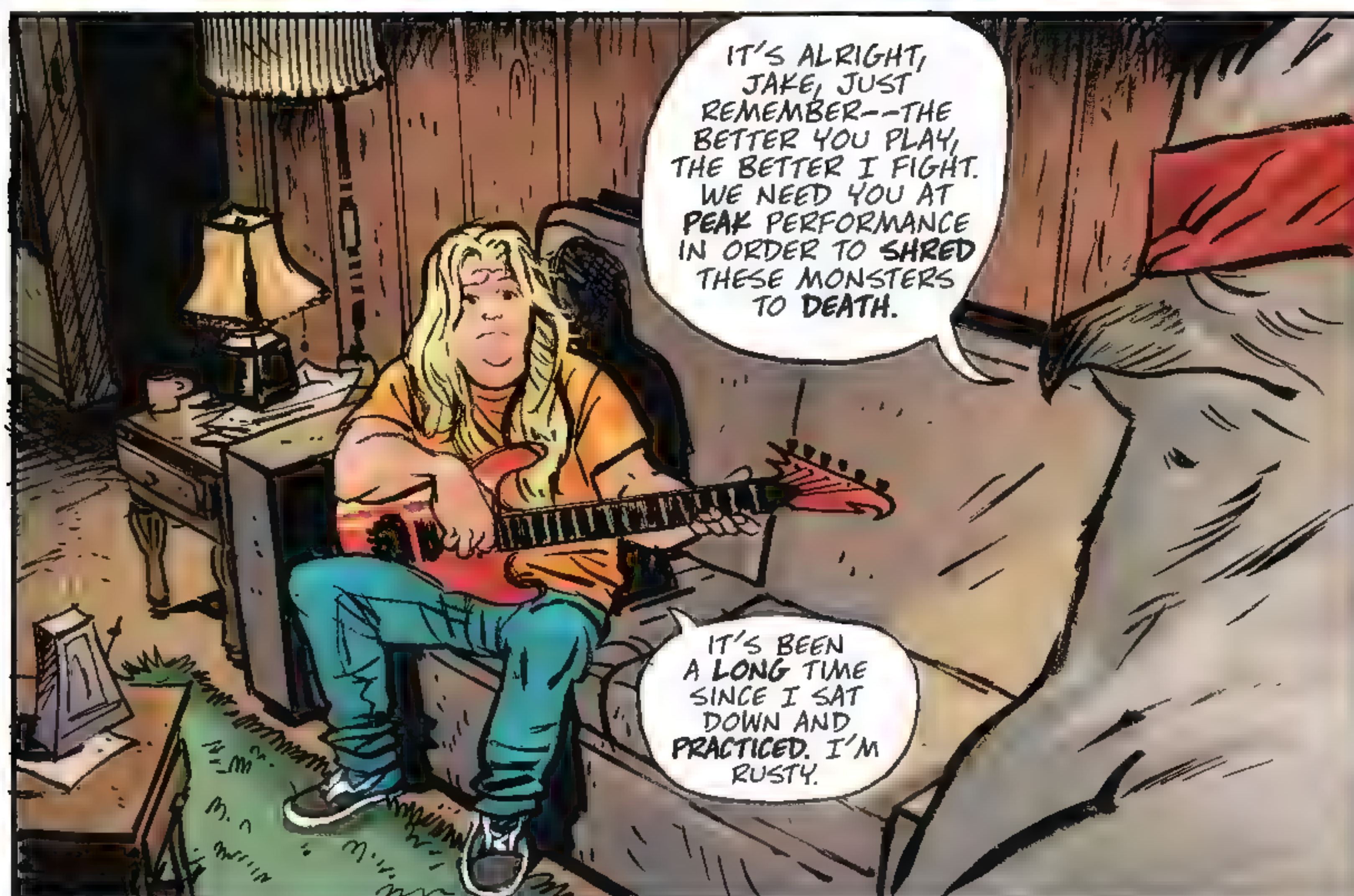
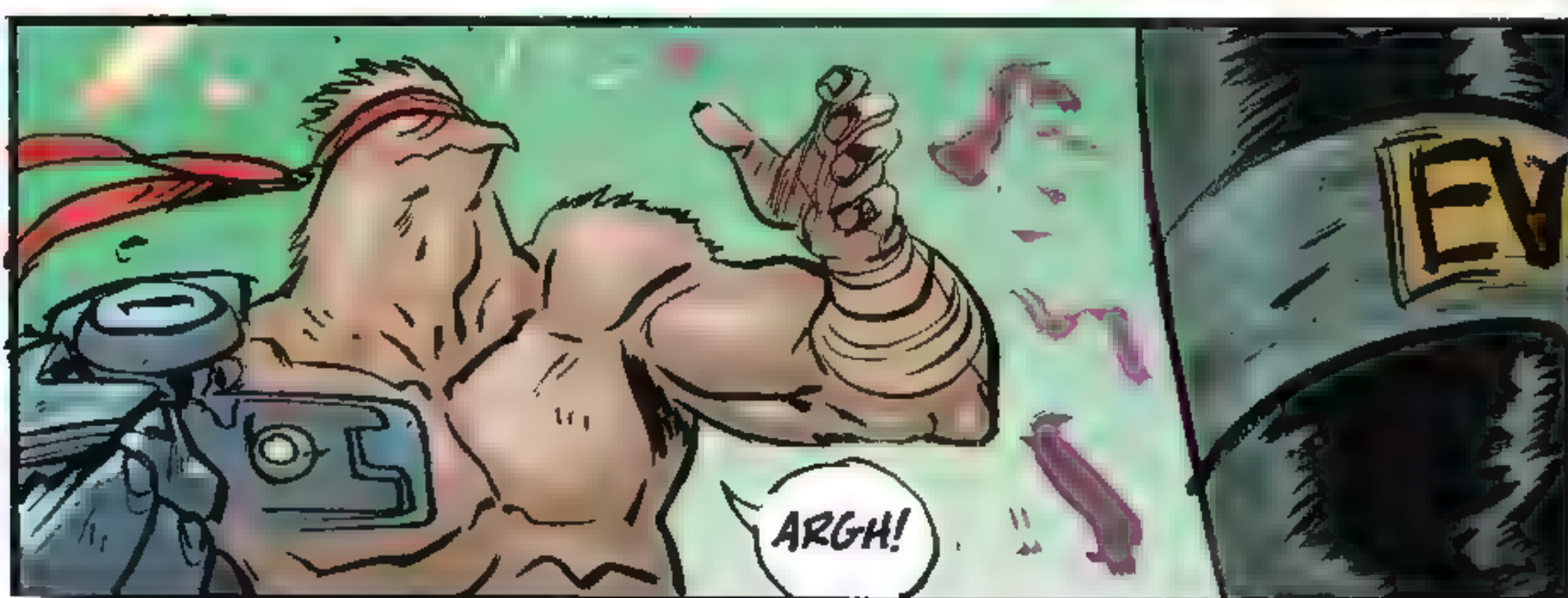
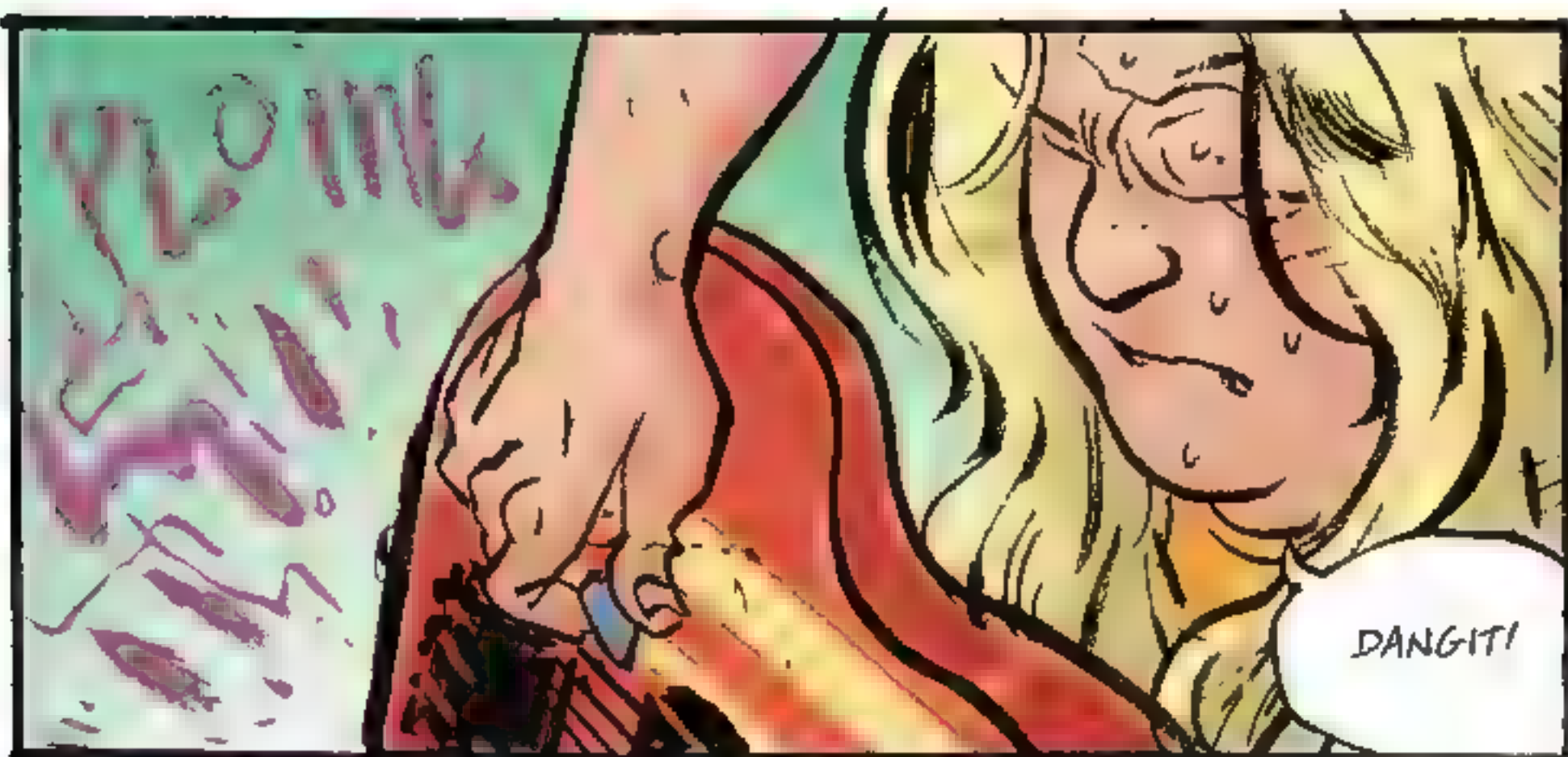
EVERY DAY.

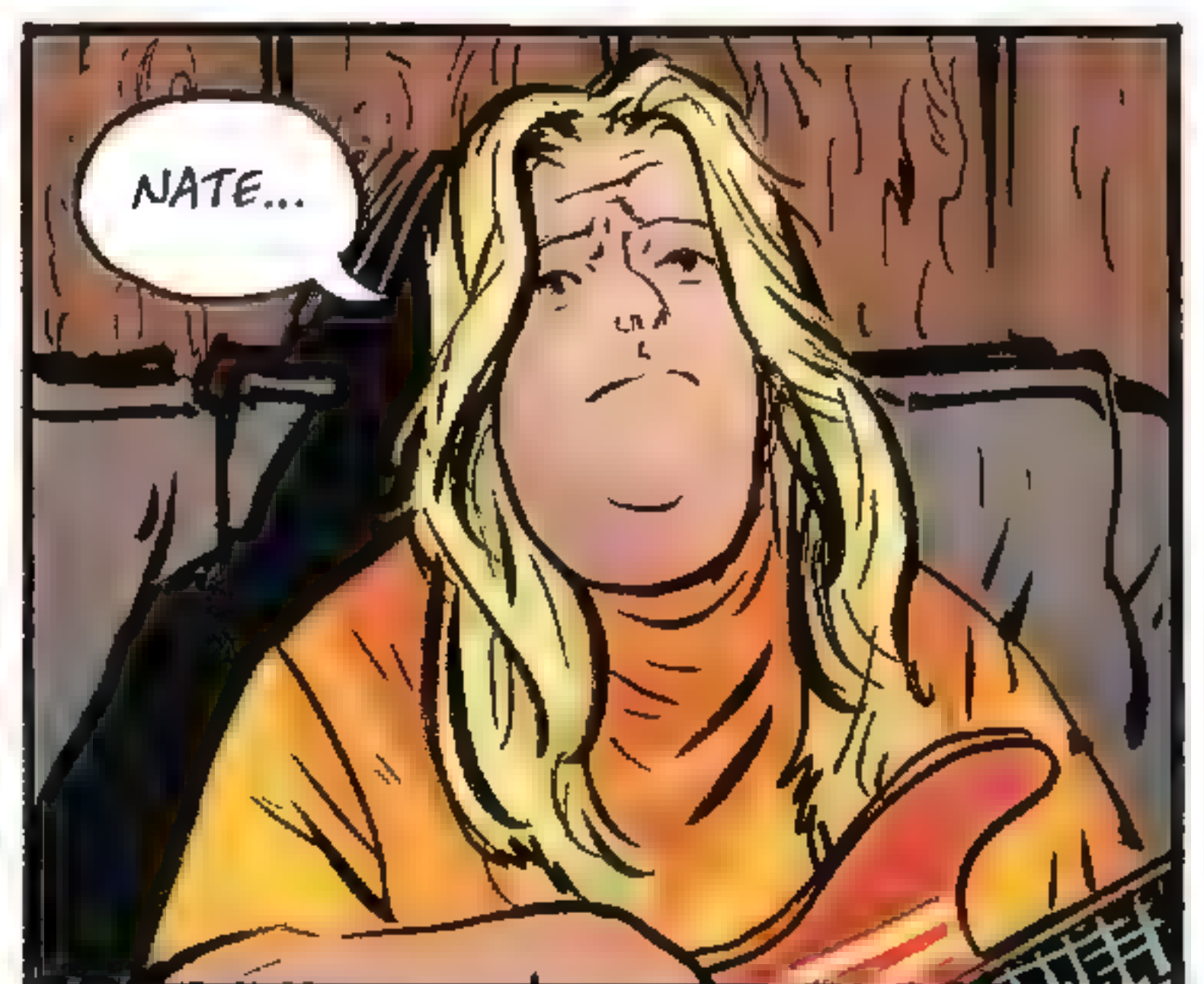
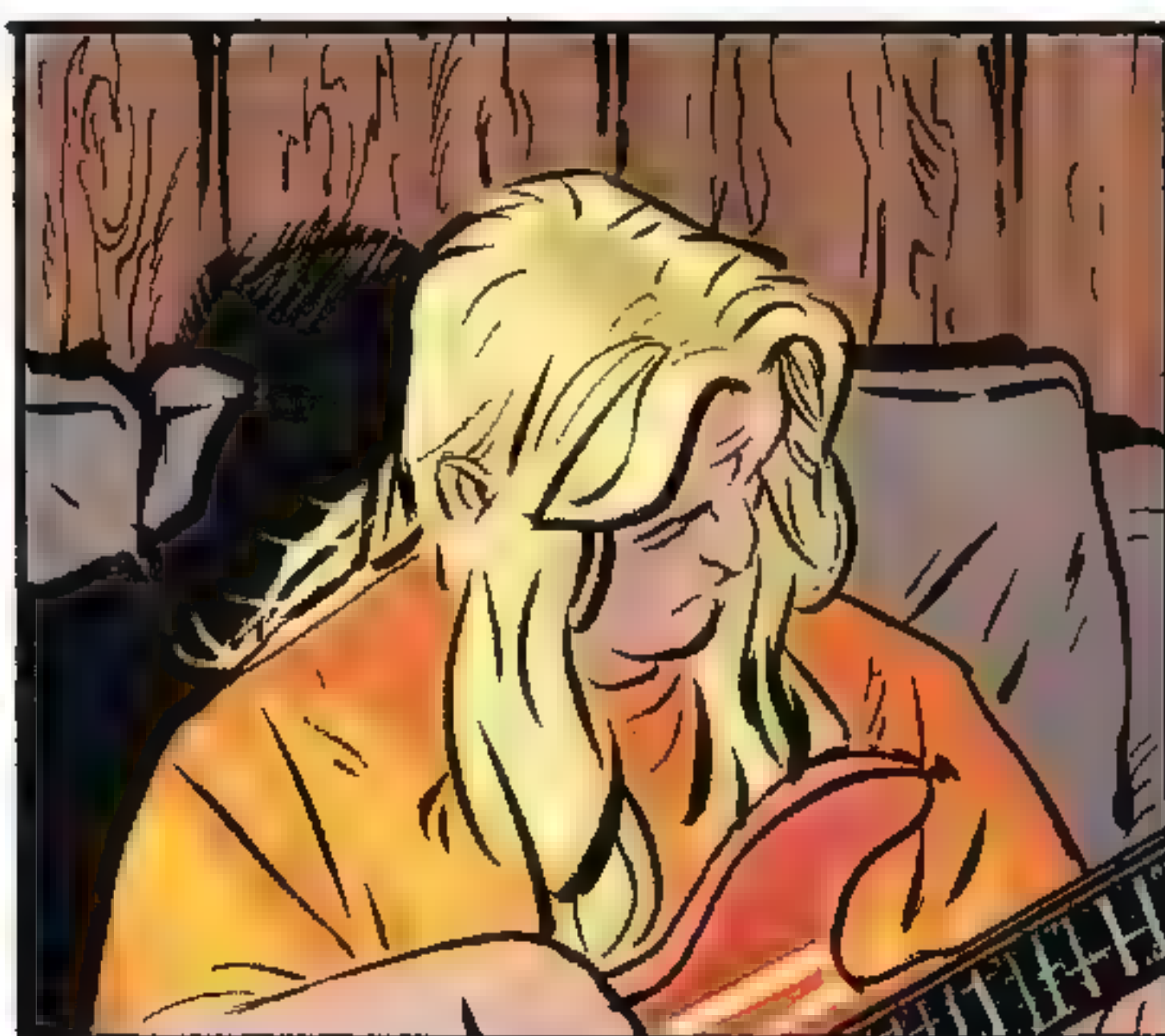
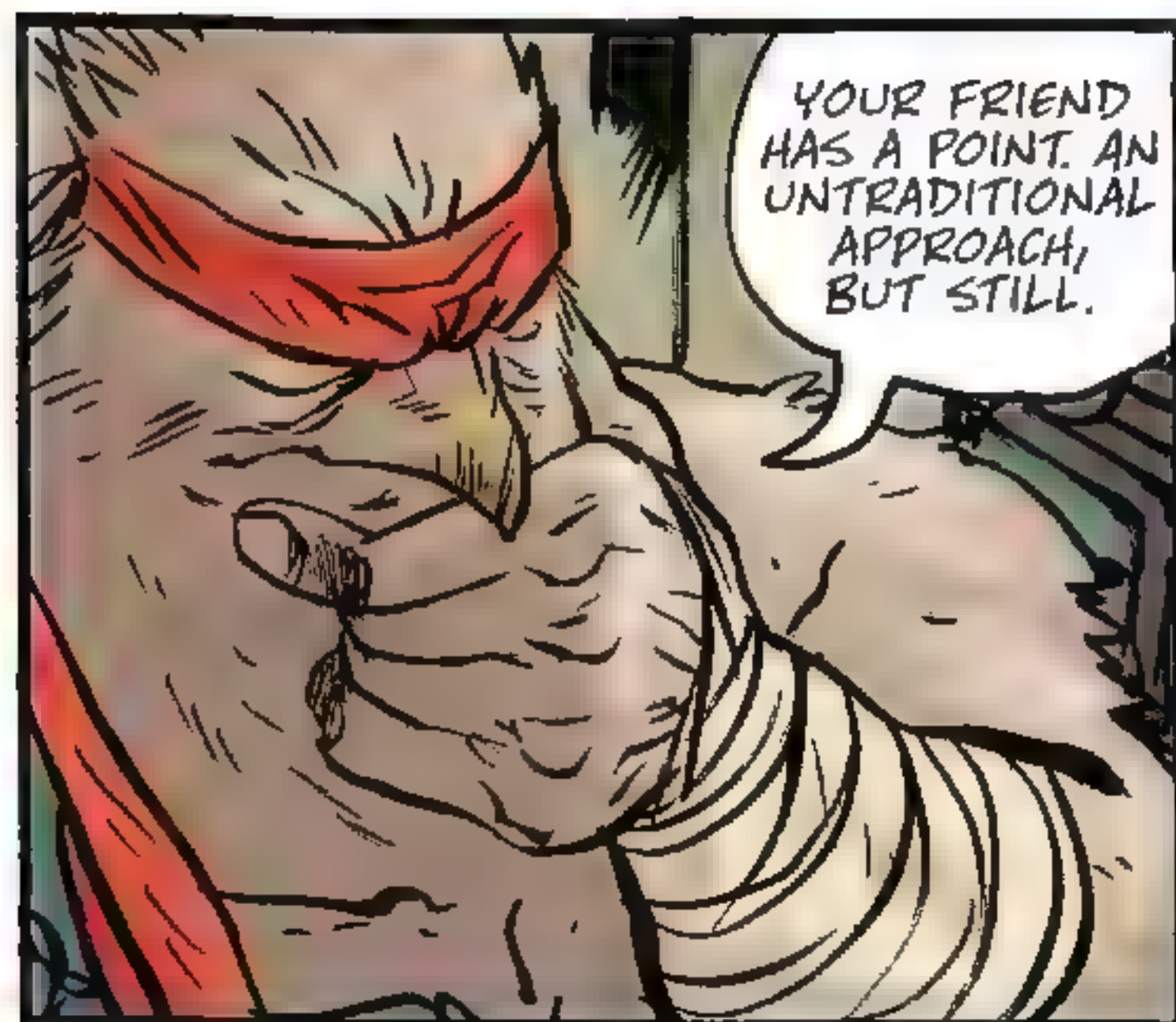
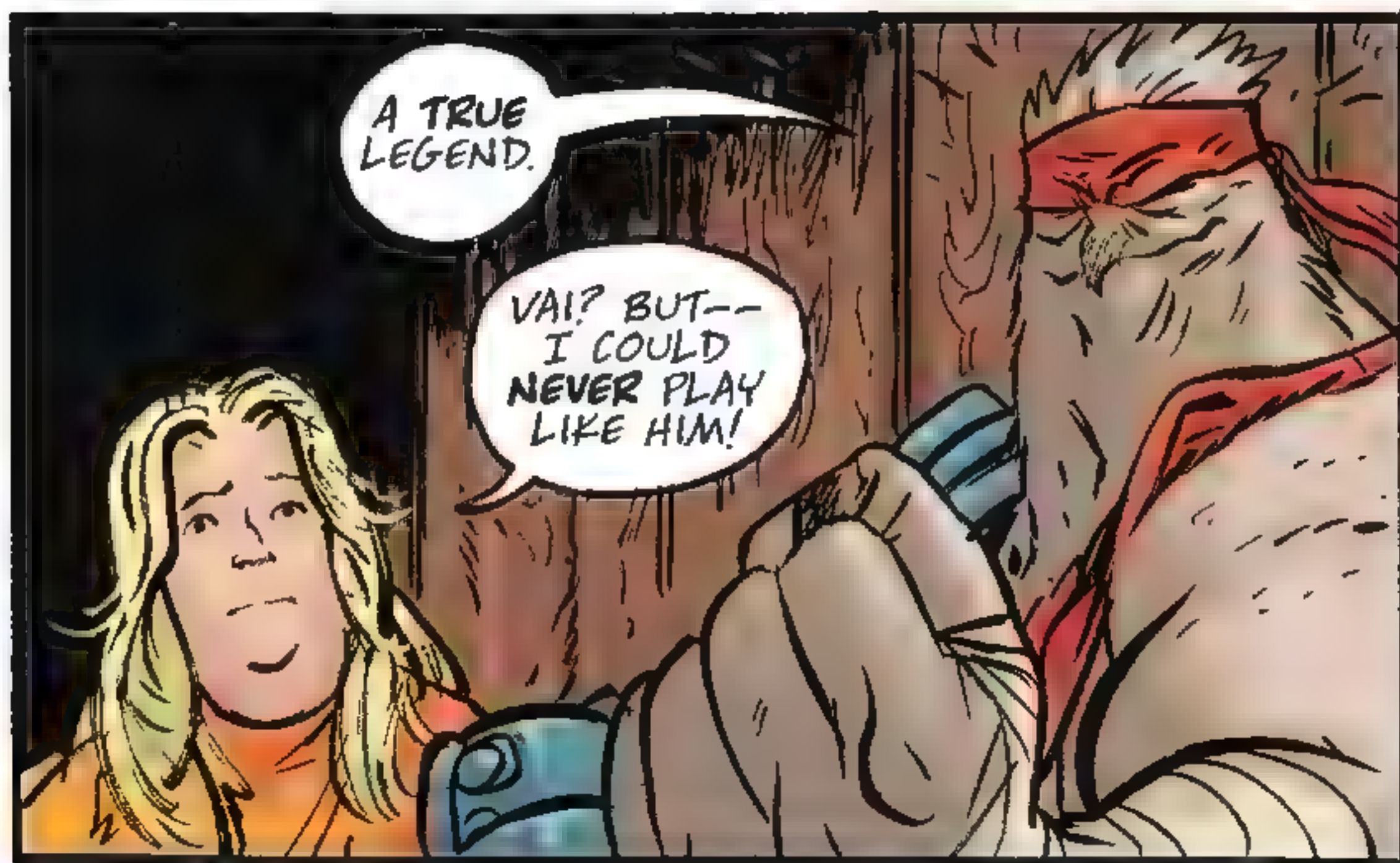
HOW LONG HAS THAT CREATURE BEEN THERE?

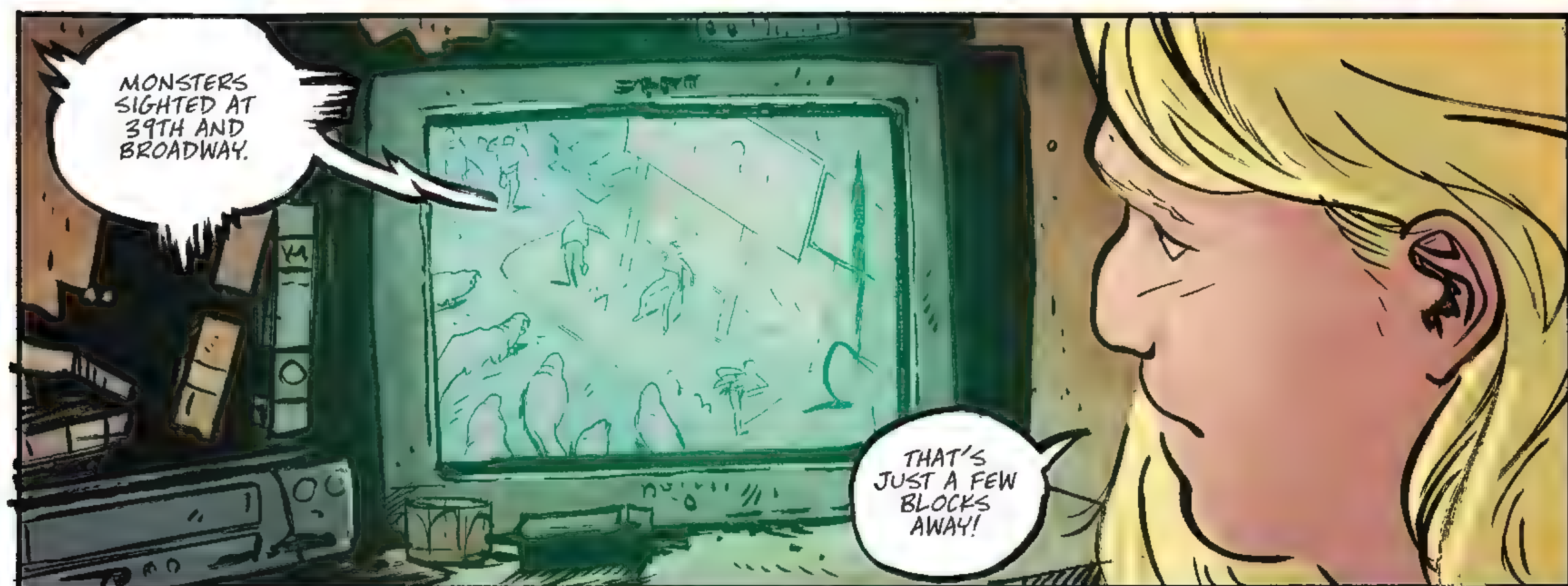
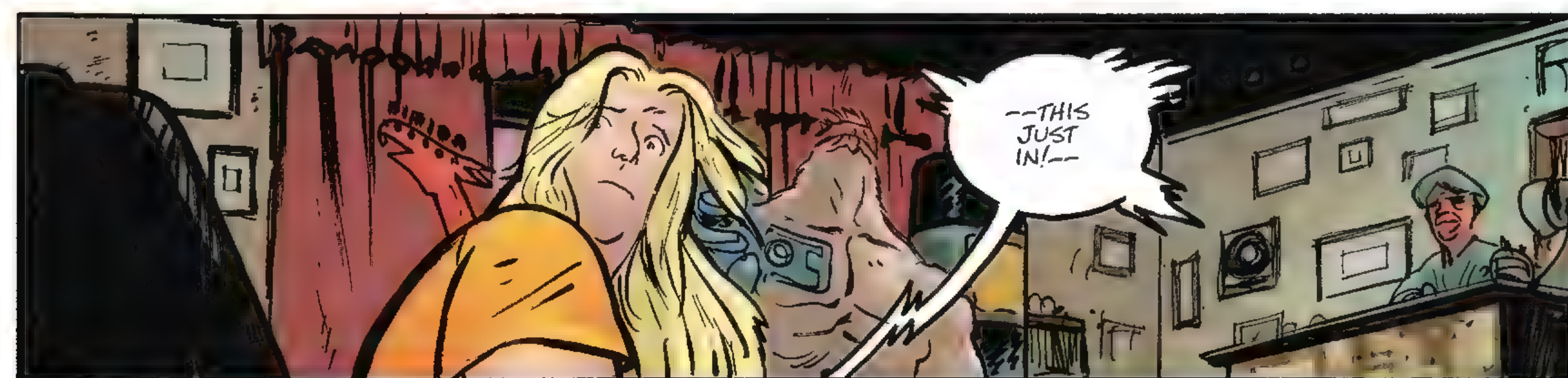
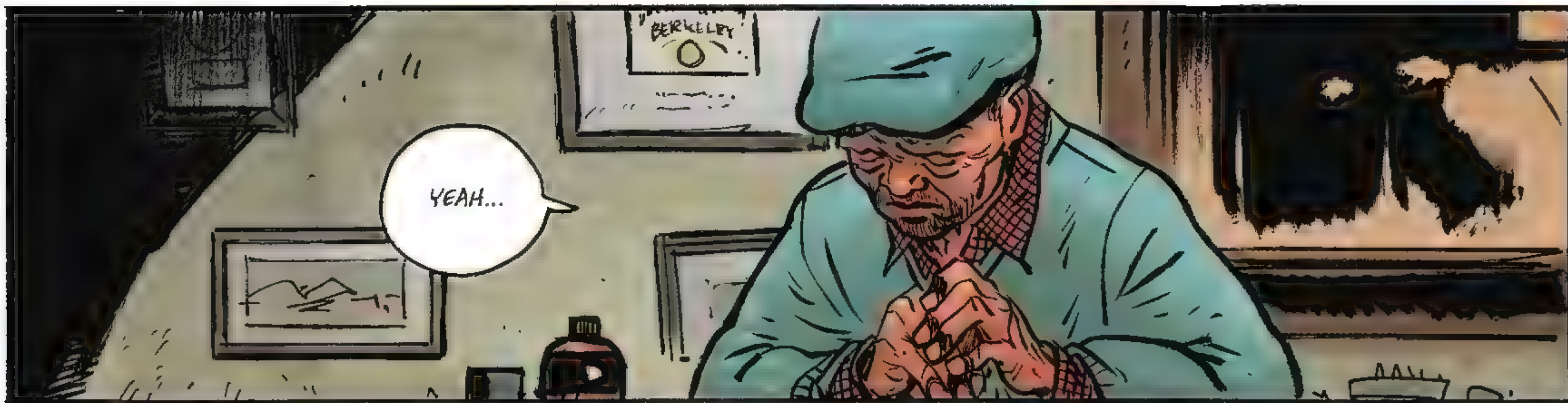
A WHILE. IT'S NEVER MOVED, THOUGH.

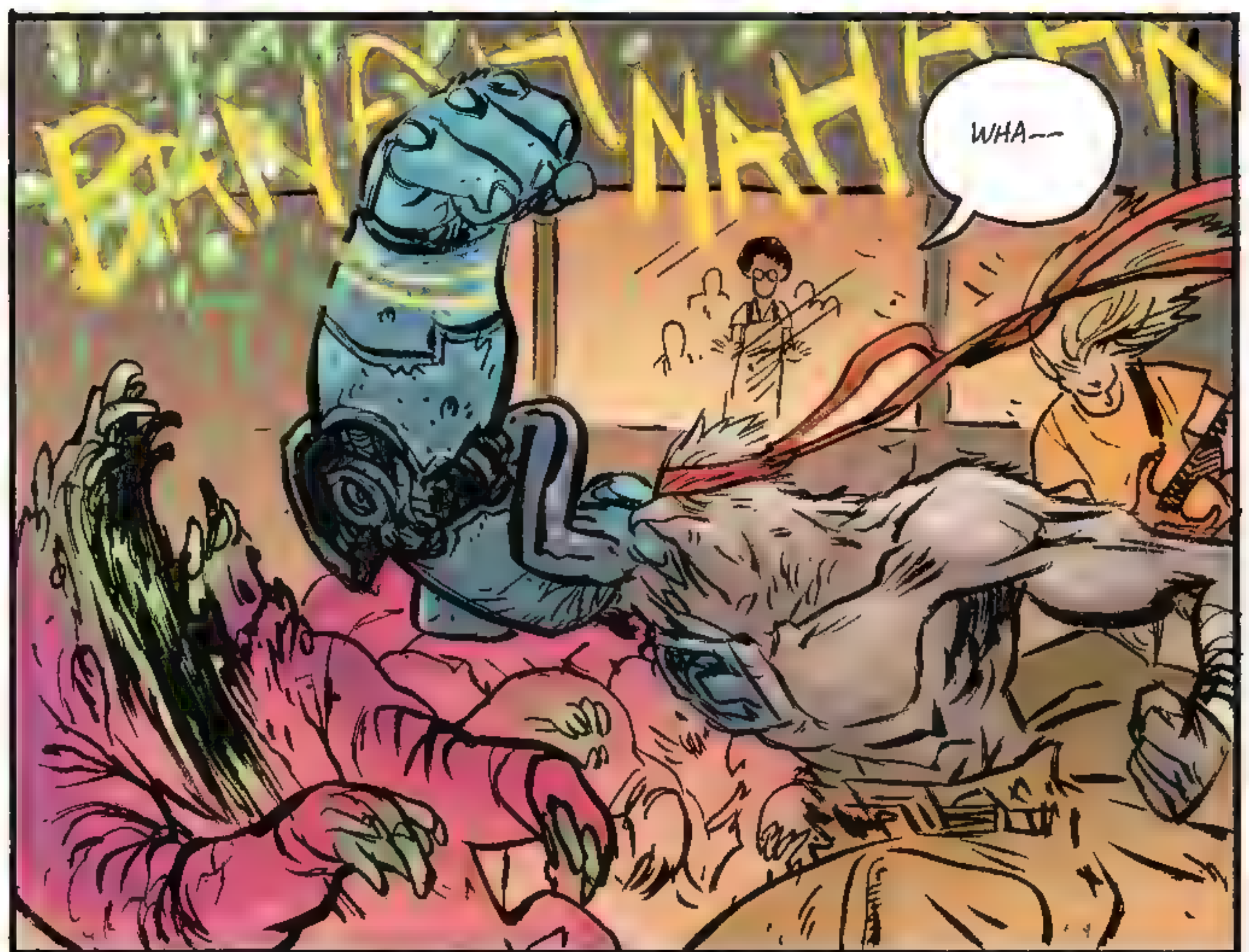
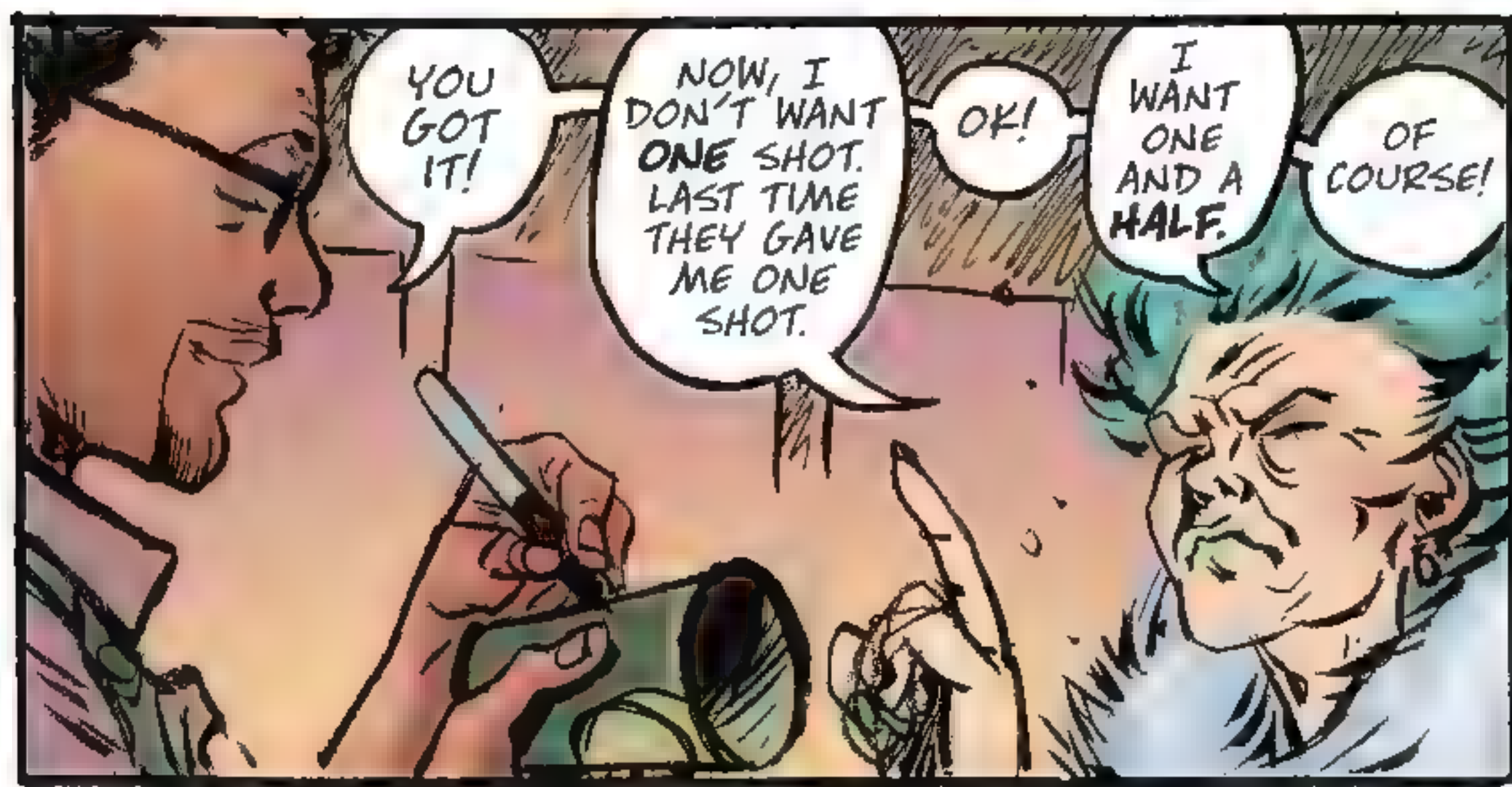
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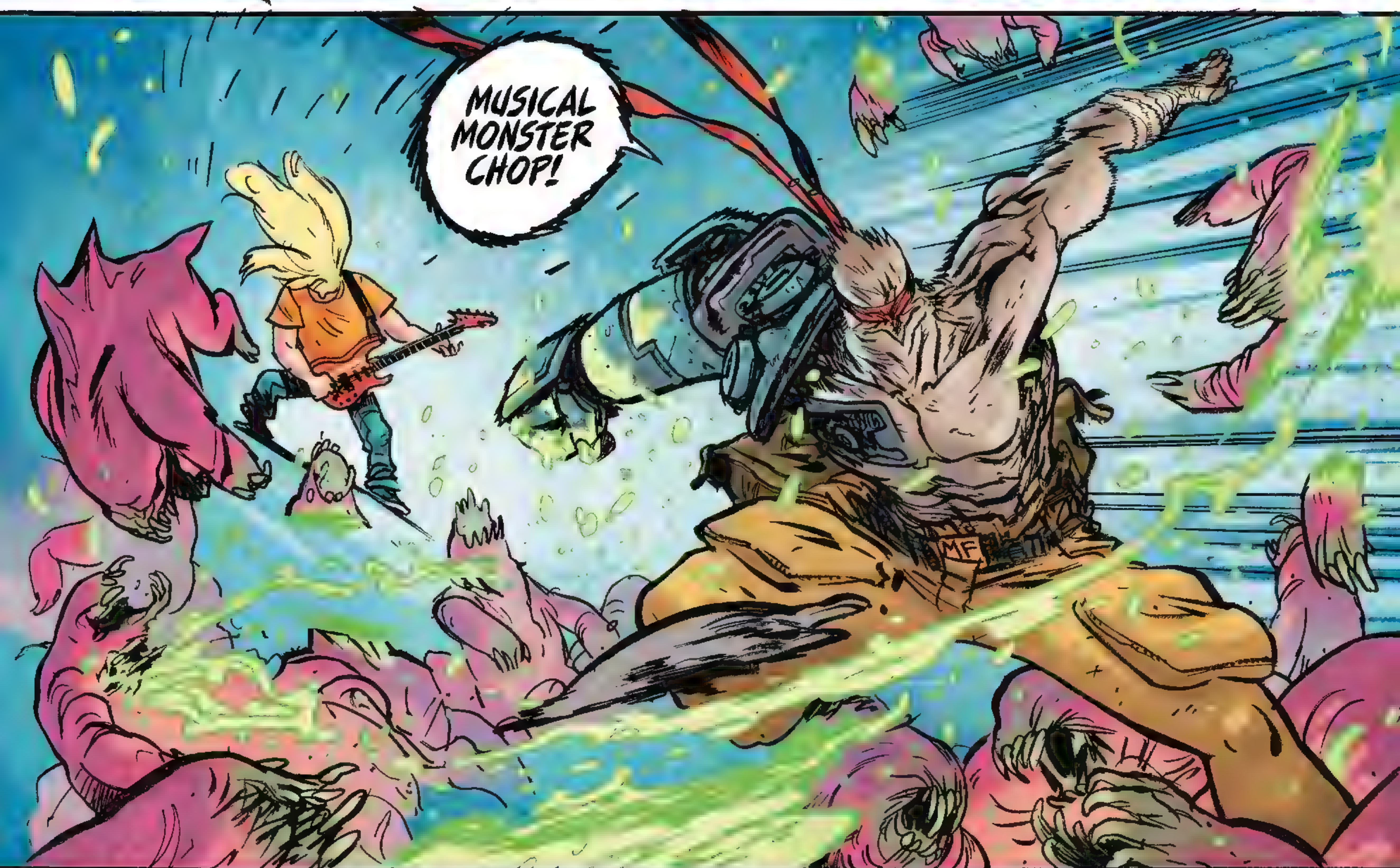
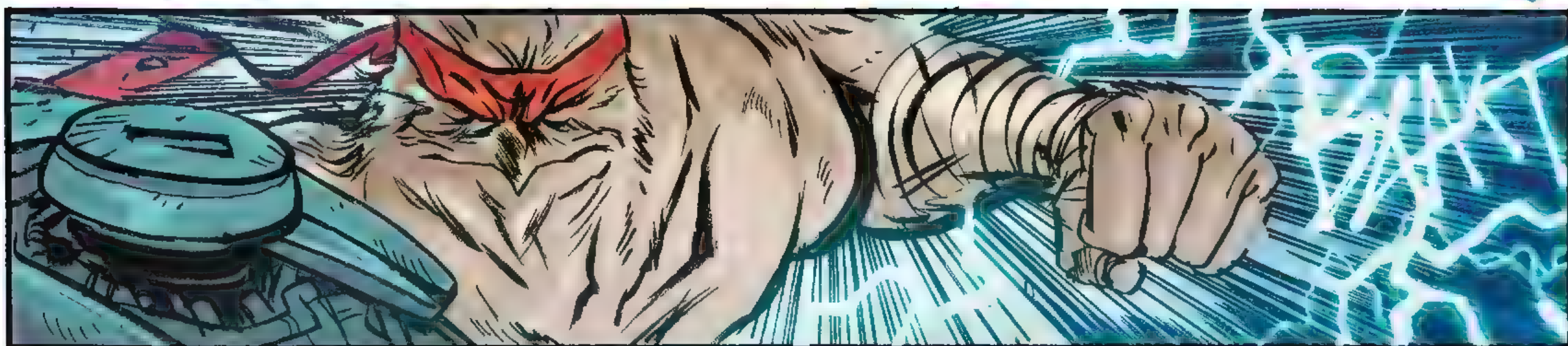


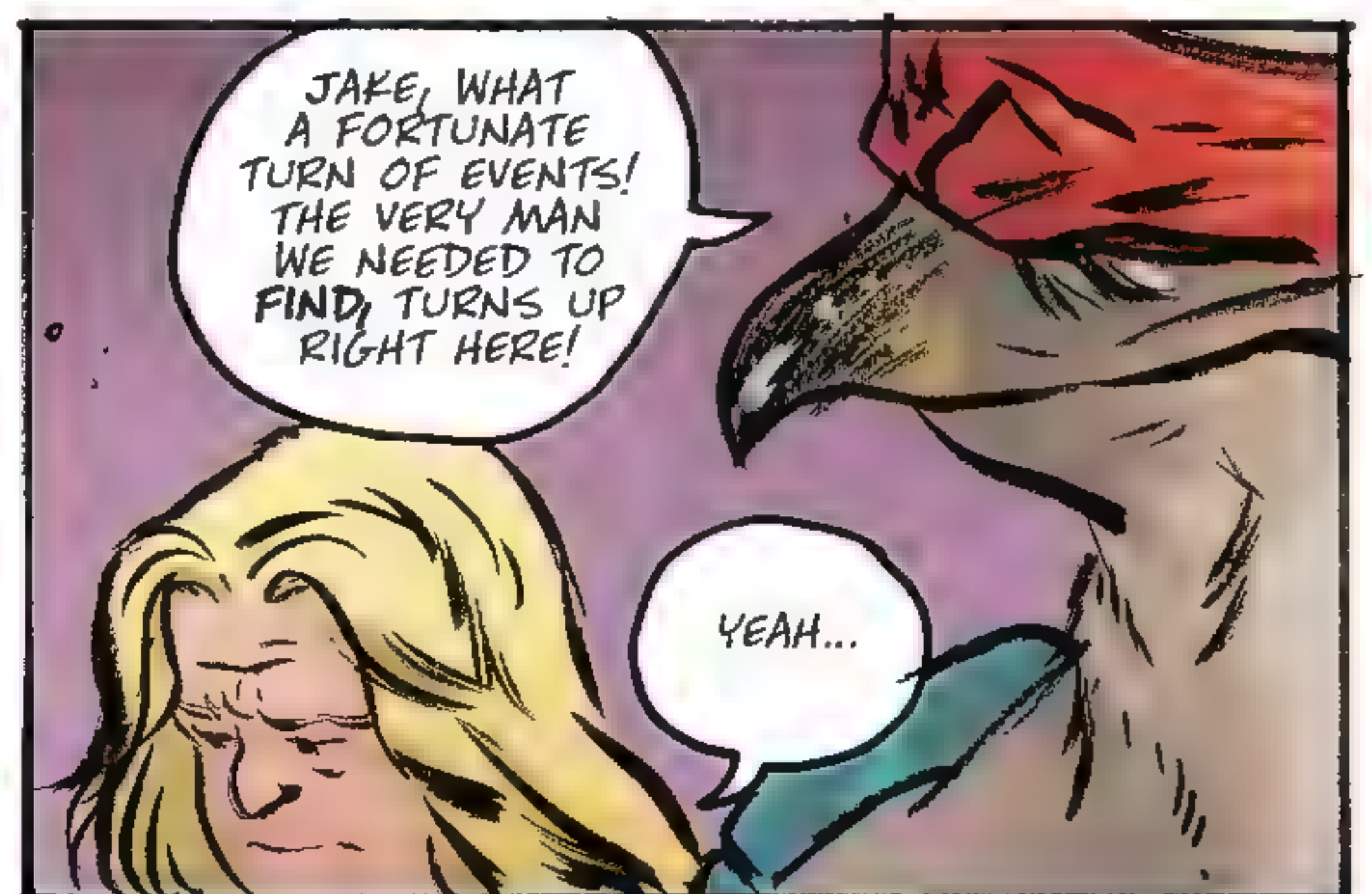


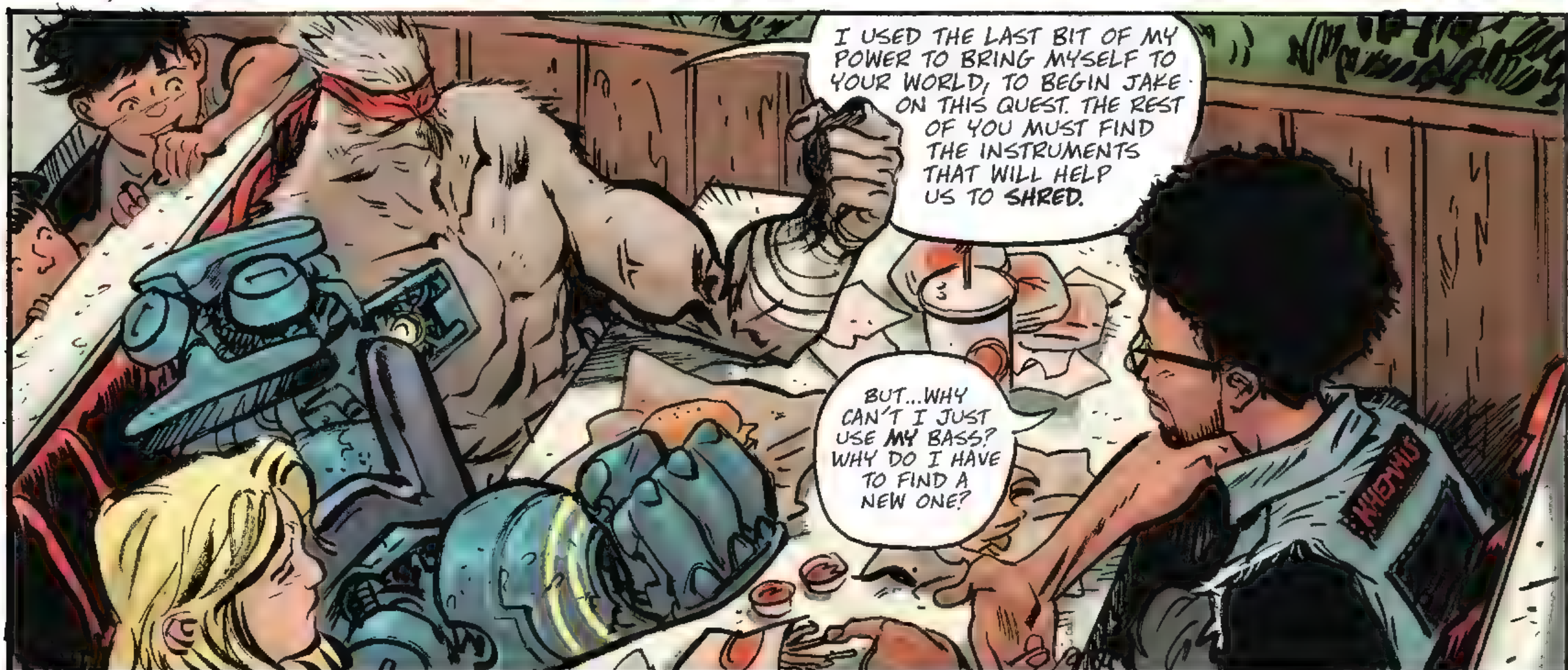
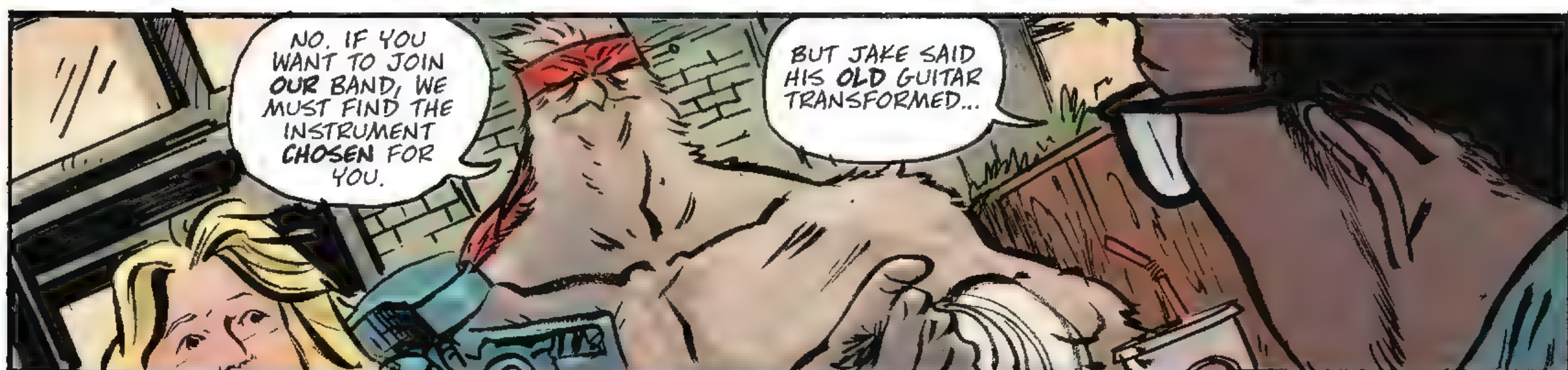


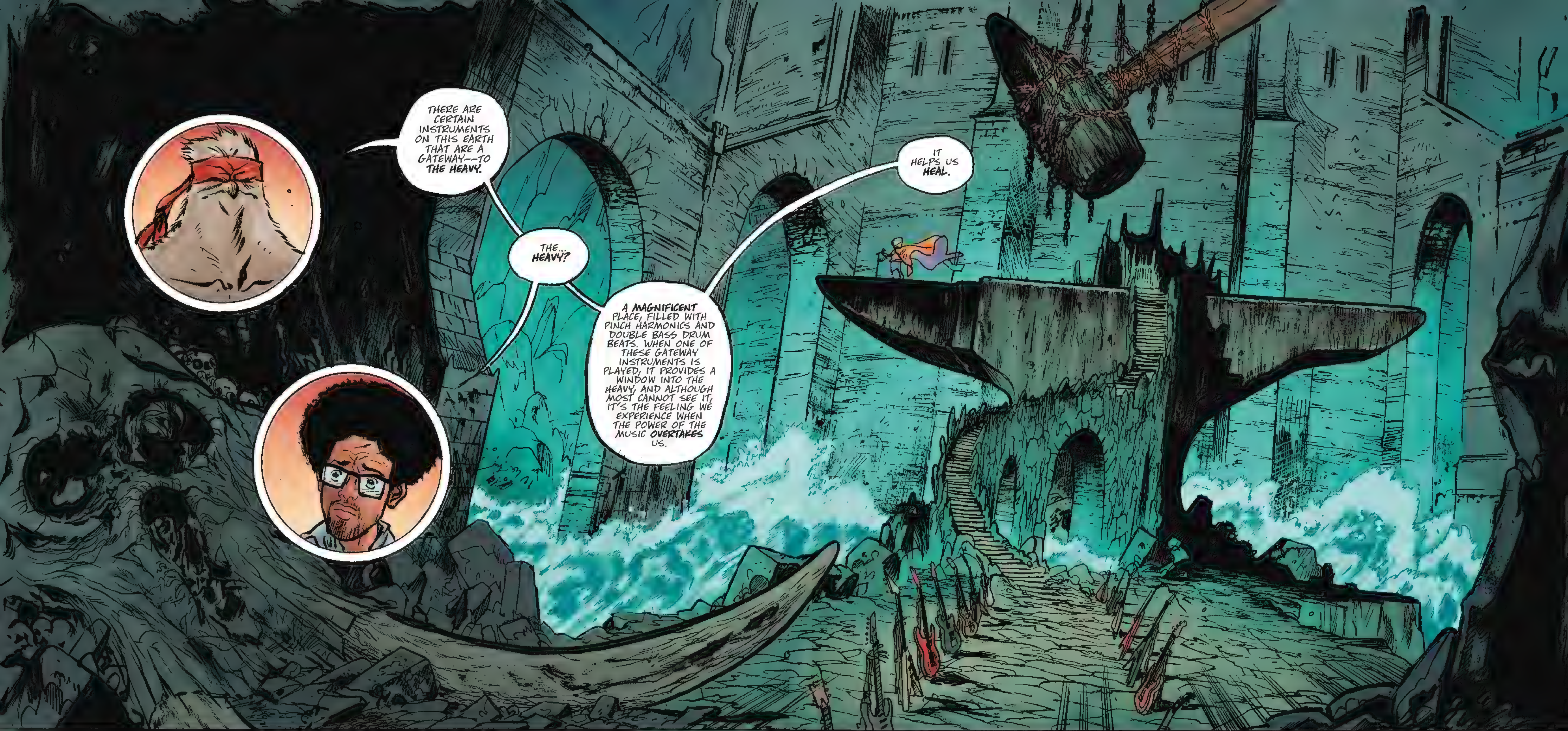










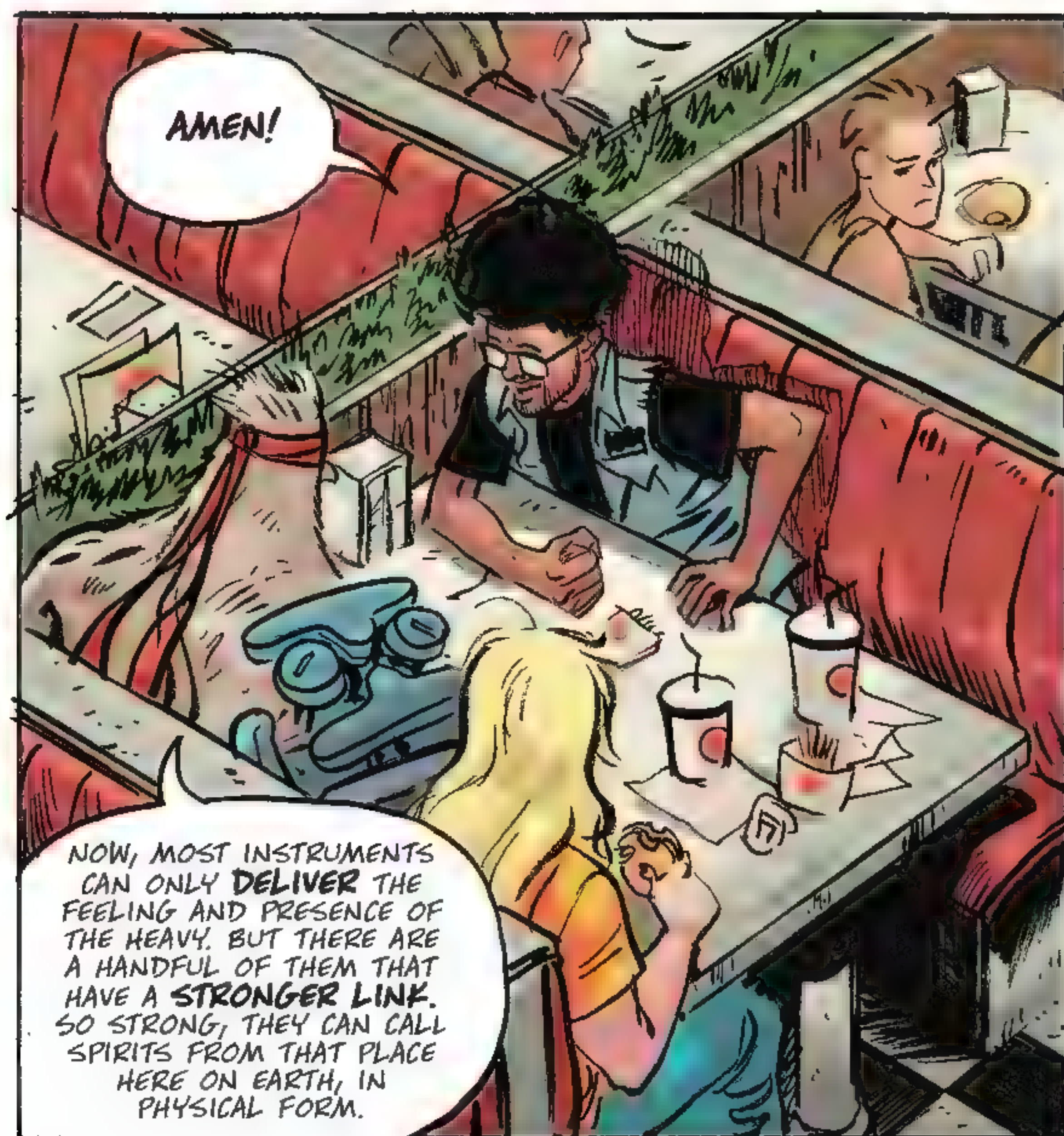


THERE ARE CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS ON THIS EARTH THAT ARE A GATEWAY--TO THE HEAVY.

THE HEAVY?

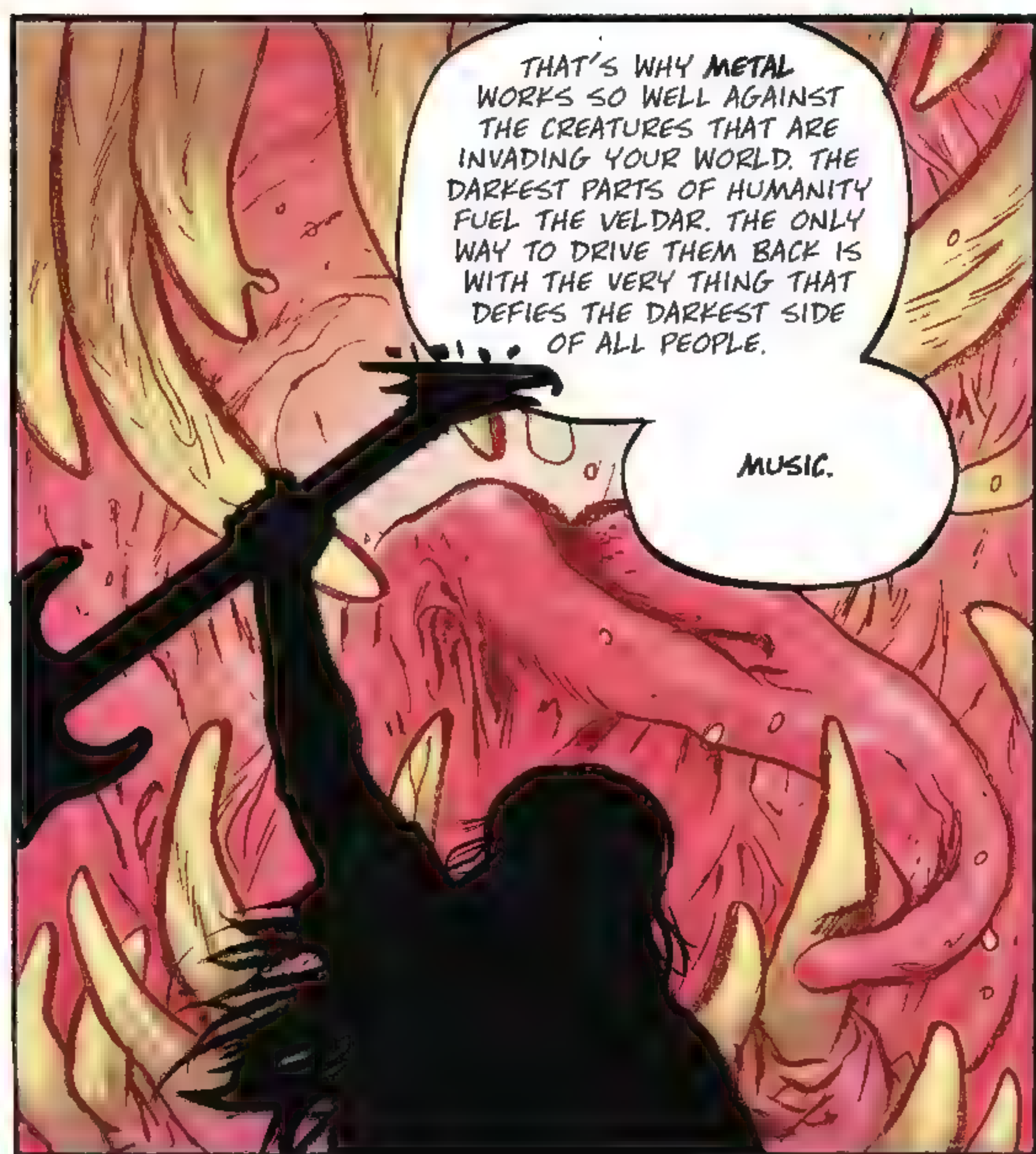
A MAGNIFICENT PLACE, FILLED WITH PINCH HARMONICS AND DOUBLE BASS DRUM BEATS. WHEN ONE OF THESE GATEWAY INSTRUMENTS IS PLAYED, IT PROVIDES A WINDOW INTO THE HEAVY, AND ALTHOUGH MOST CANNOT SEE IT, IT'S THE FEELING WE EXPERIENCE WHEN THE POWER OF THE MUSIC OVERTAKES US.

IT HELPS US HEAL.



AMEN!

NOW, MOST INSTRUMENTS CAN ONLY DELIVER THE FEELING AND PRESENCE OF THE HEAVY, BUT THERE ARE A HANDFUL OF THEM THAT HAVE A STRONGER LINK, SO STRONG, THEY CAN CALL SPIRITS FROM THAT PLACE HERE ON EARTH, IN PHYSICAL FORM.



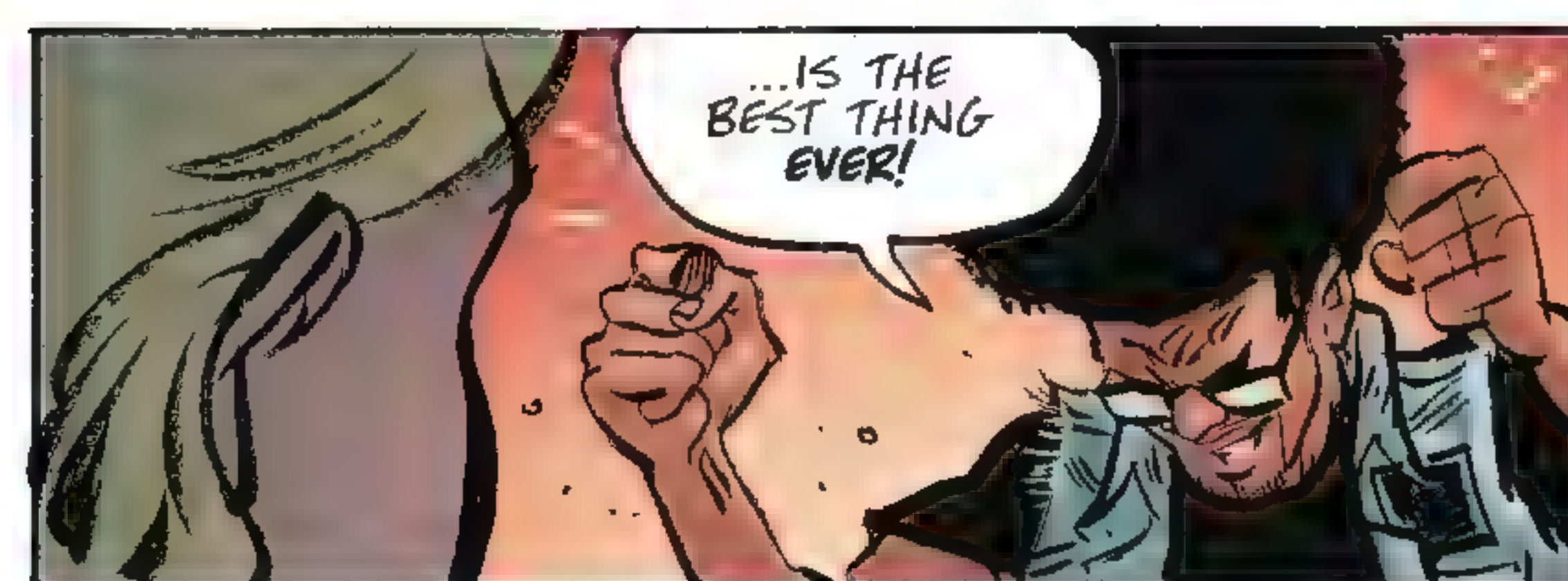
THAT'S WHY METAL WORKS SO WELL AGAINST THE CREATURES THAT ARE INVADING YOUR WORLD. THE DARKEST PARTS OF HUMANITY FUEL THE VELDAR. THE ONLY WAY TO DRIVE THEM BACK IS WITH THE VERY THING THAT DEFIES THE DARKEST SIDE OF ALL PEOPLE.

MUSIC.



THIS...

I KNOW. NUTS.



...IS THE BEST THING EVER!

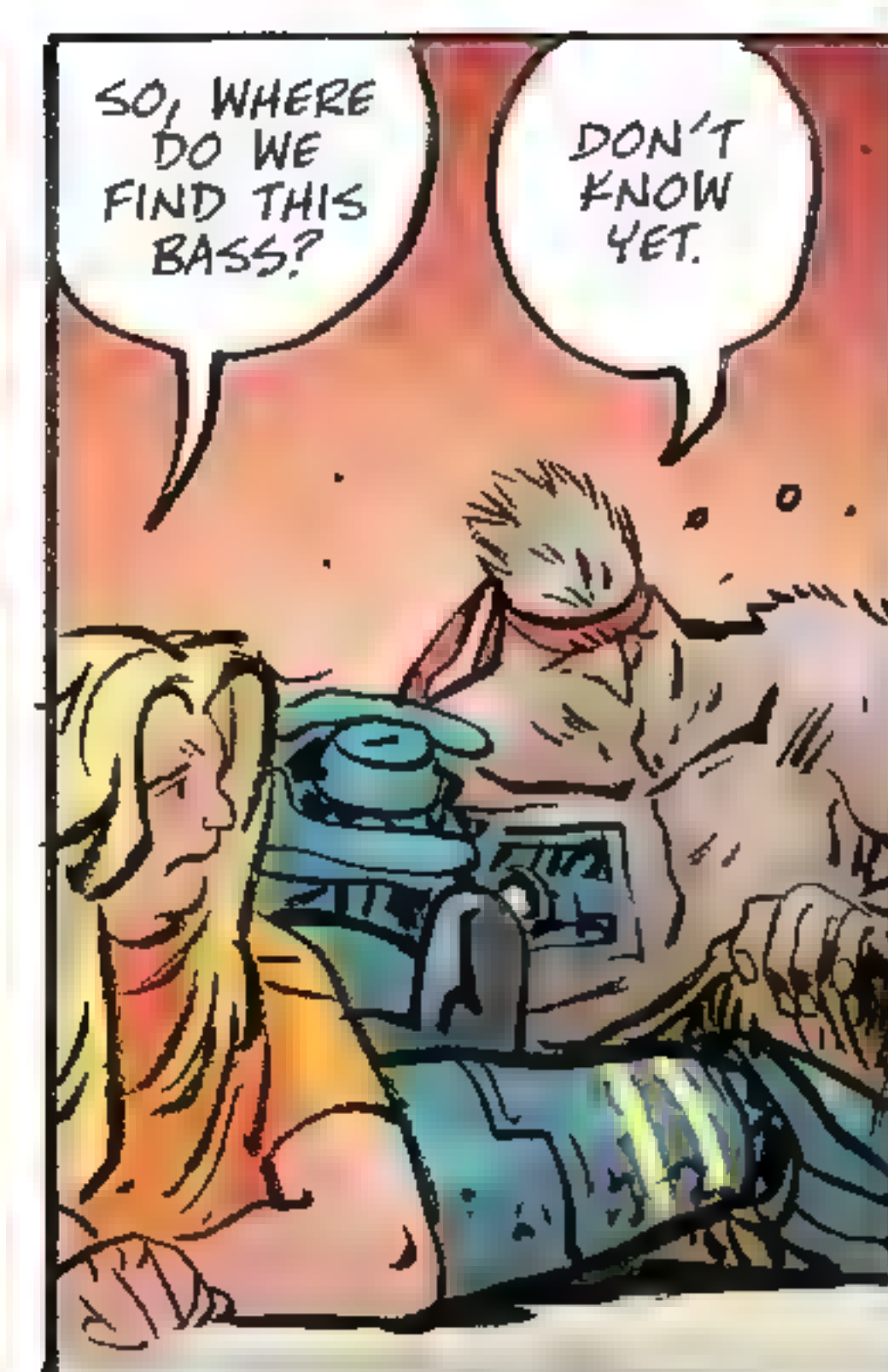


NOW, HOLD ON! YOU GOTTA KNOW, THIS STUFF IS... DANGEROUS. THESE MONSTERS ARE REAL!

I REALIZE THIS, JAKE.

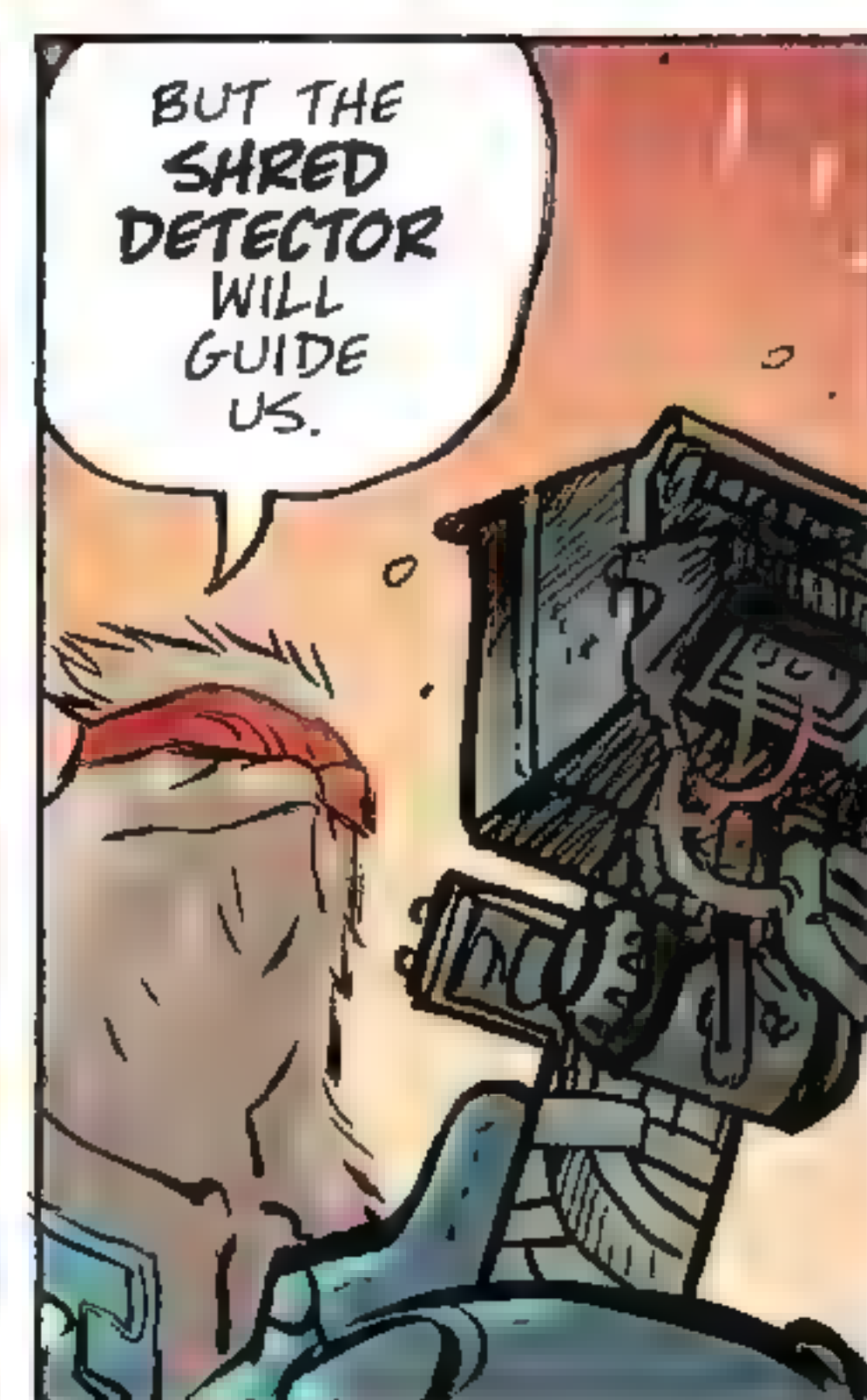


BUT HOW EPIC IS THIS? THE HEAVY? MAGICAL KUNG FU INSTRUMENTS? THIS IS MY JAM!

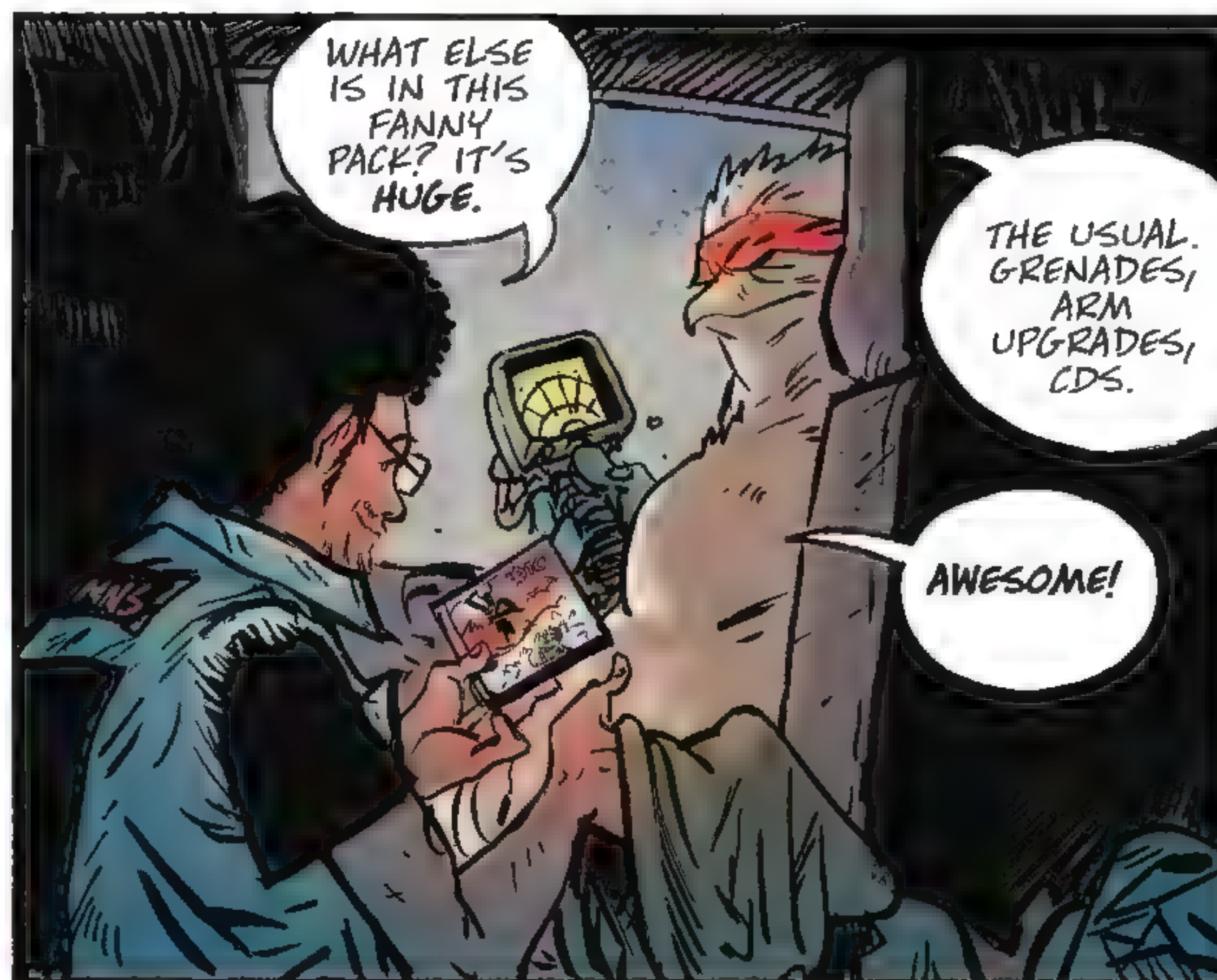
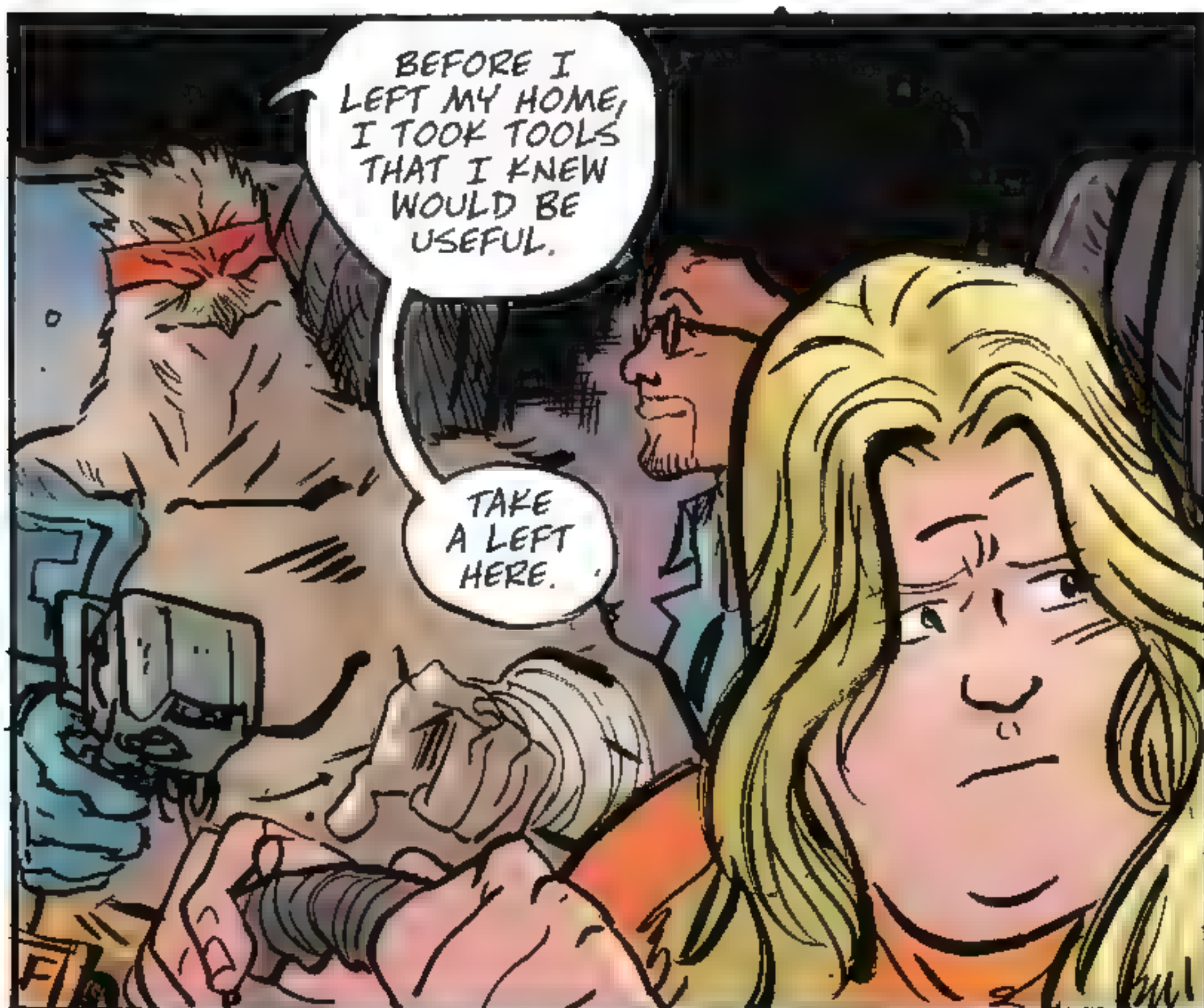


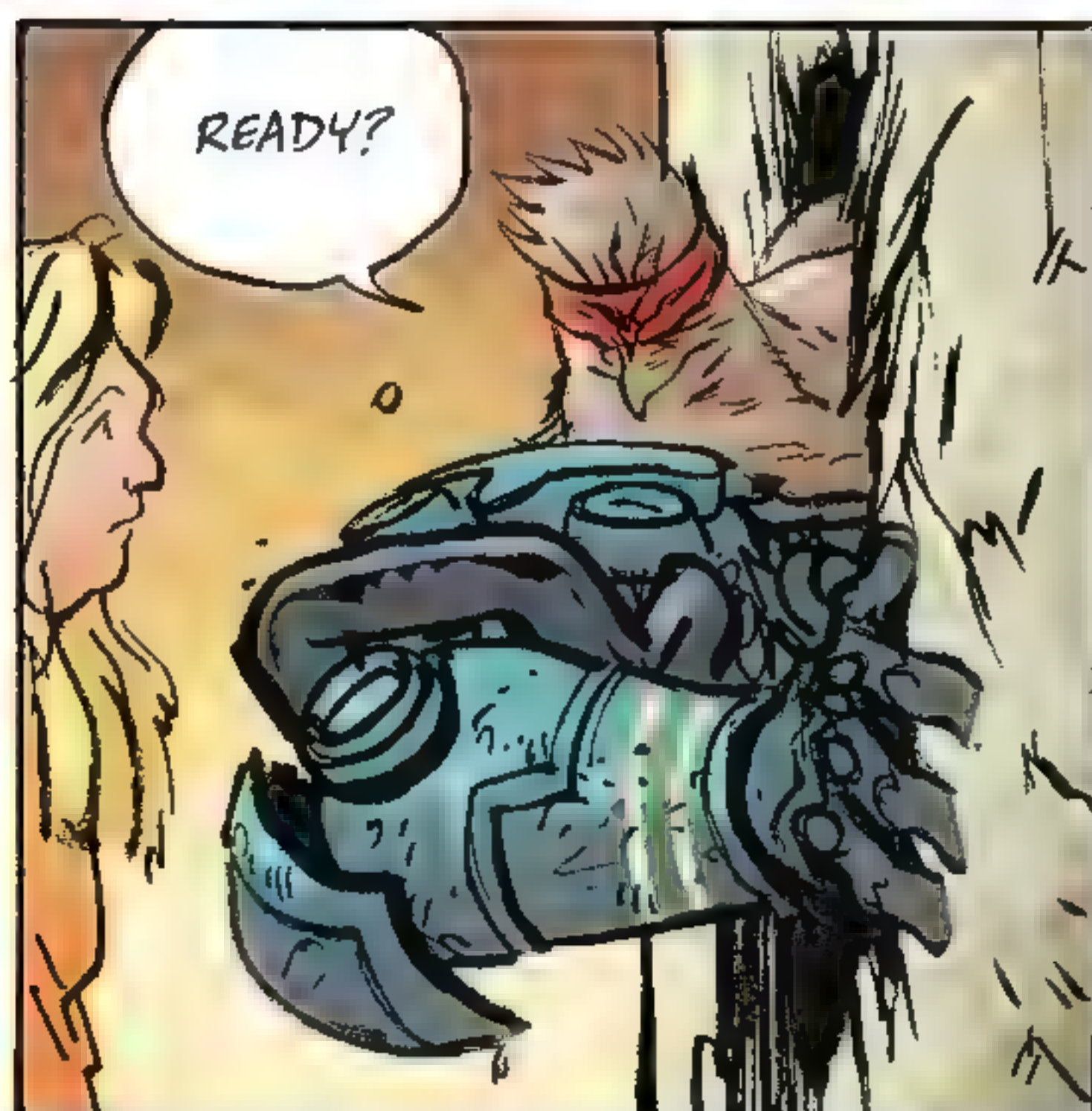
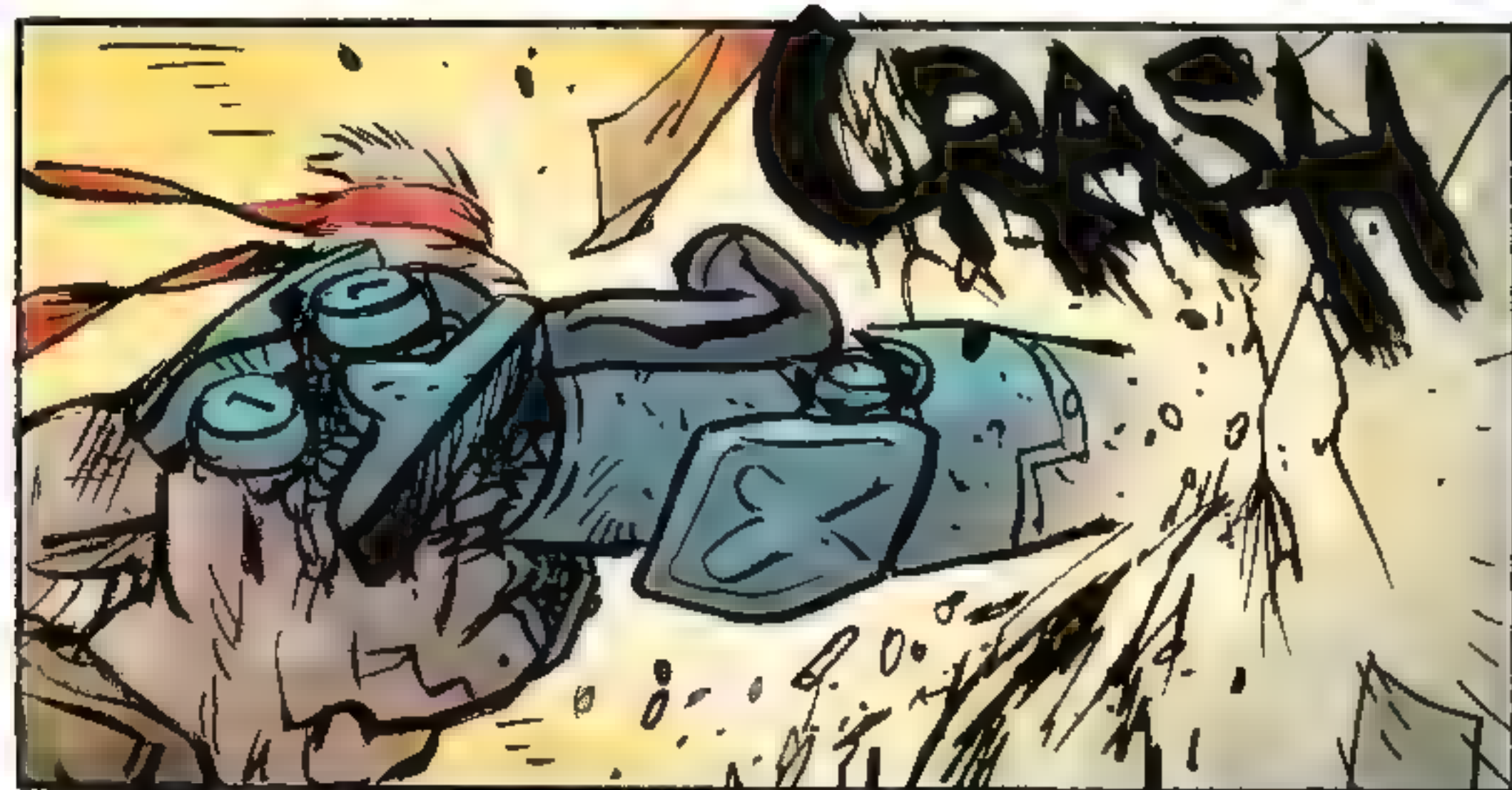
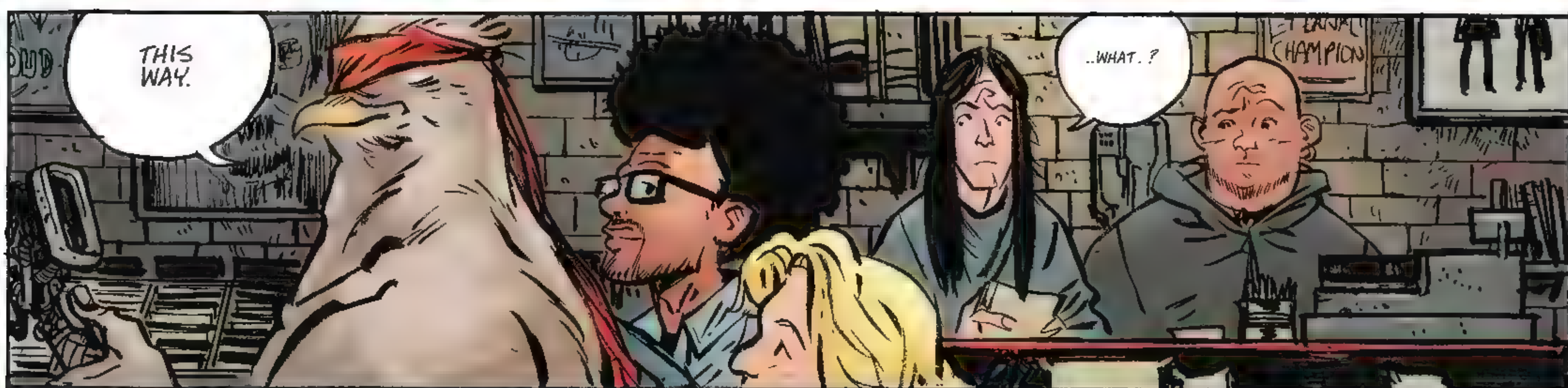
SO, WHERE DO WE FIND THIS BASS?

DON'T KNOW YET.



BUT THE SHRED DETECTOR WILL GUIDE US.

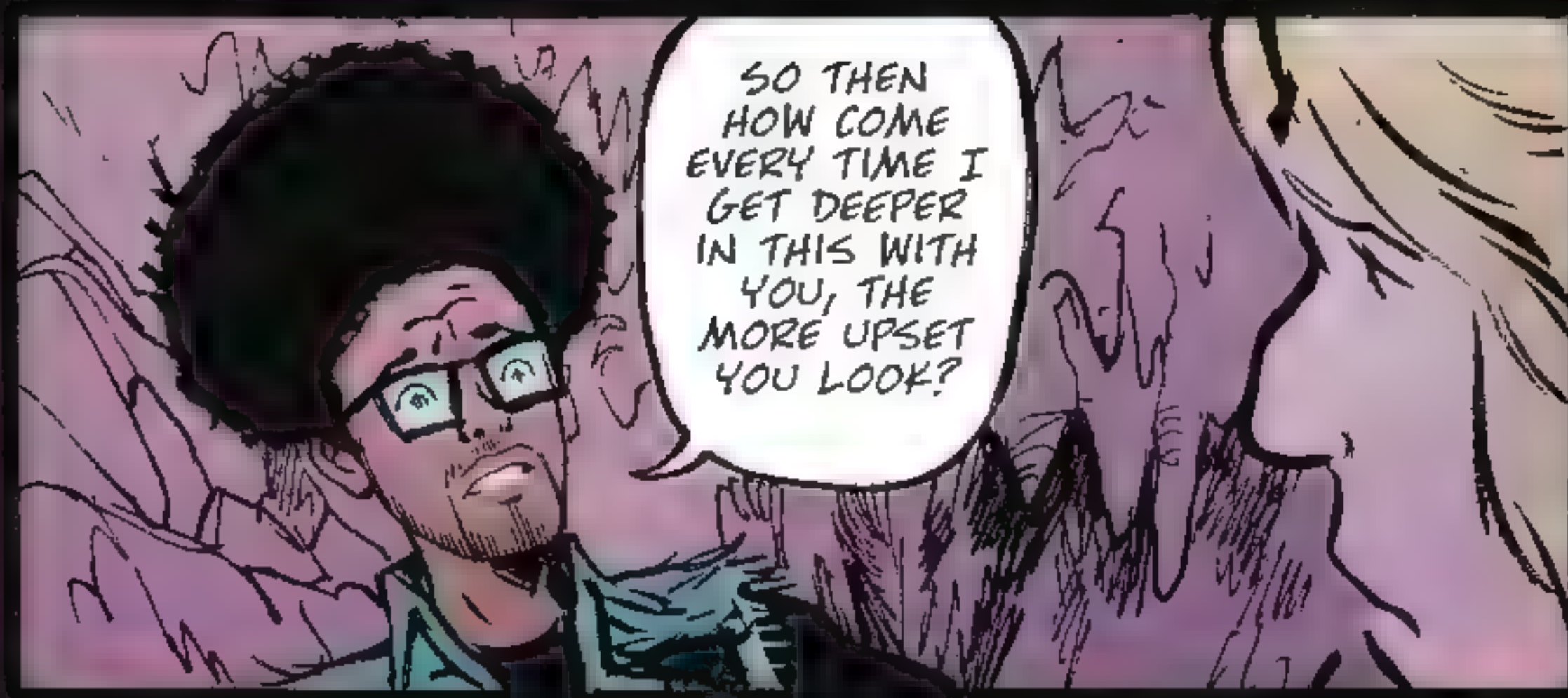




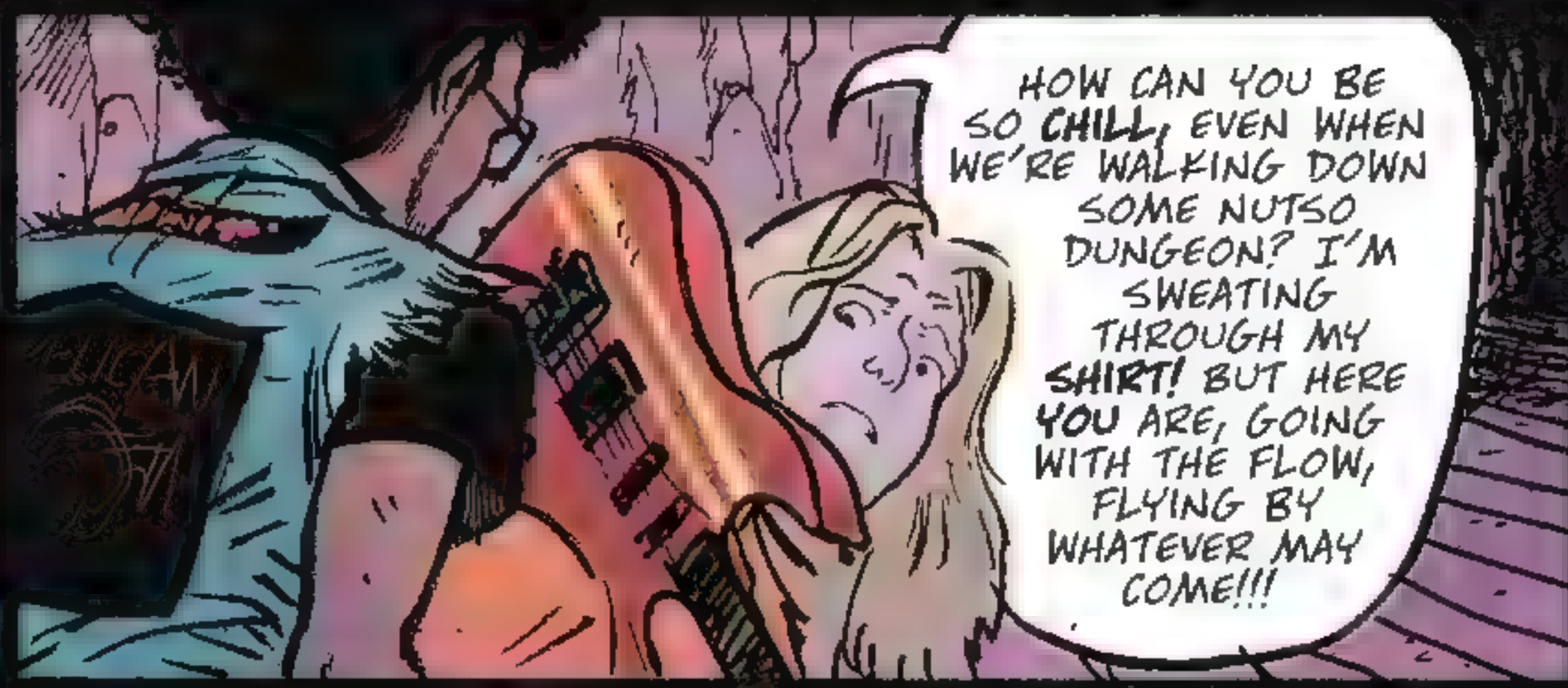


DON'T REALLY WANT ME HERE, DO YOU?

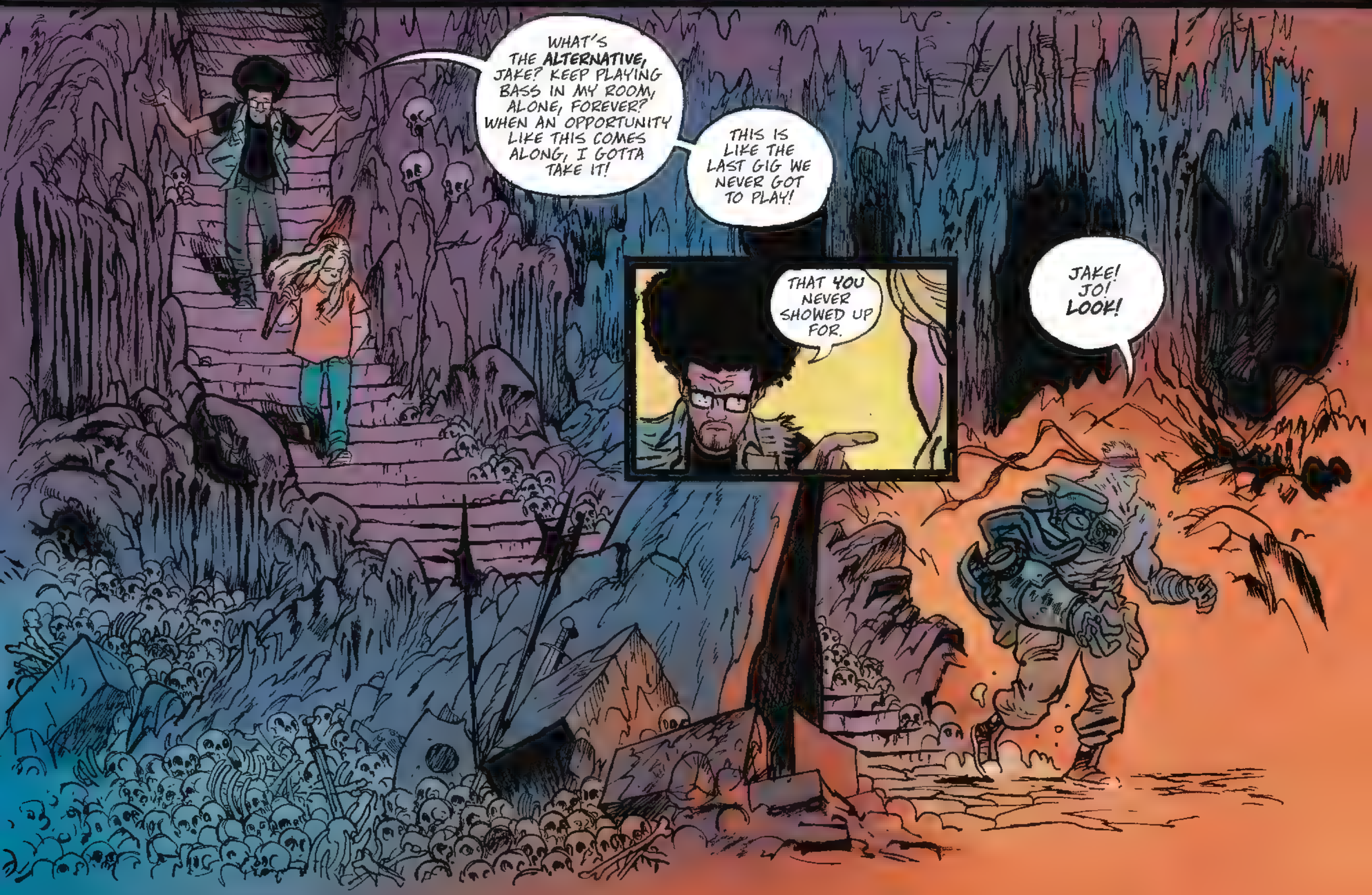
DON'T SAY THAT. OF COURSE I DO.



SO THEN HOW COME EVERY TIME I GET DEEPER IN THIS WITH YOU, THE MORE UPSET YOU LOOK?



HOW CAN YOU BE SO CHILL, EVEN WHEN WE'RE WALKING DOWN SOME NUTSO DUNGEON? I'M SWEATING THROUGH MY SHIRT! BUT HERE YOU ARE, GOING WITH THE FLOW, FLYING BY WHATEVER MAY COME!!!



WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE, JAKE? KEEP PLAYING BASS IN MY ROOM, ALONE, FOREVER? WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS COMES ALONG, I GOTTA TAKE IT!

THIS IS LIKE THE LAST GIG WE NEVER GOT TO PLAY!



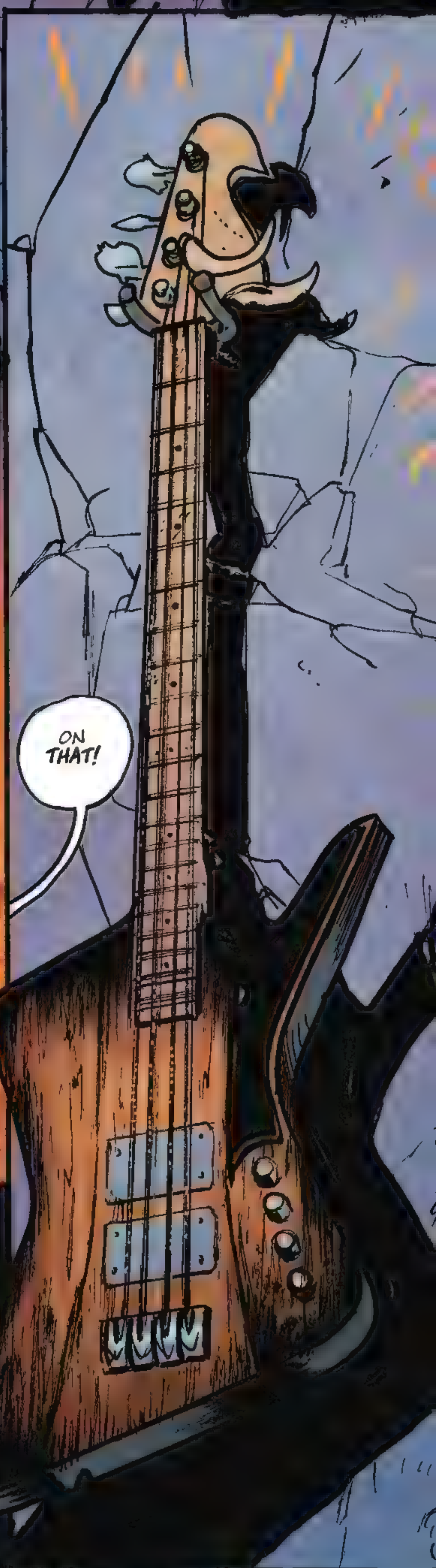
THAT YOU NEVER SHOWED UP FOR.

JAKE! JOI! LOOK!

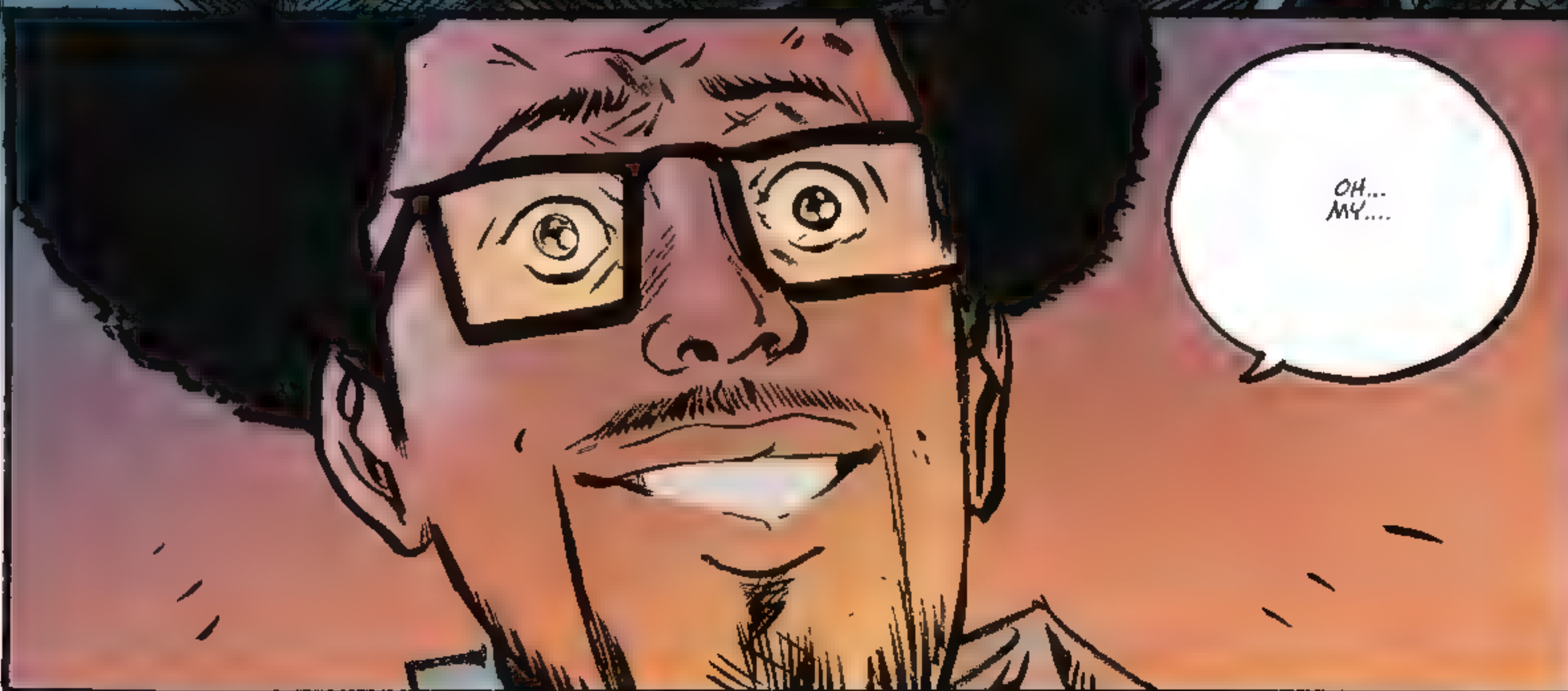




FEAST
YOUR
EYES...



ON
THAT!

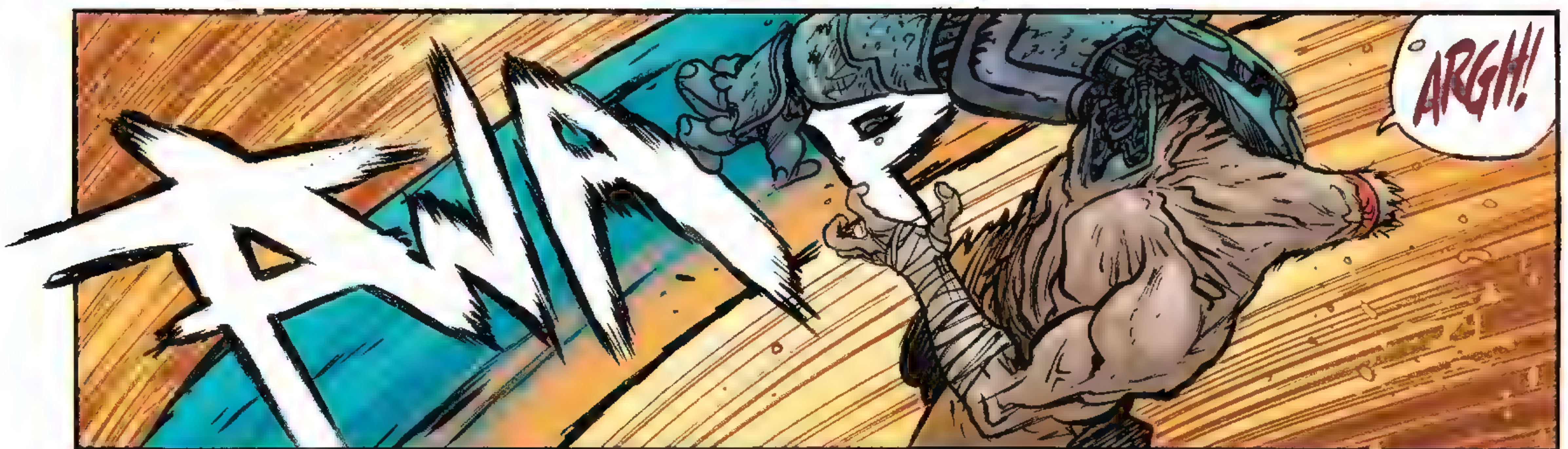
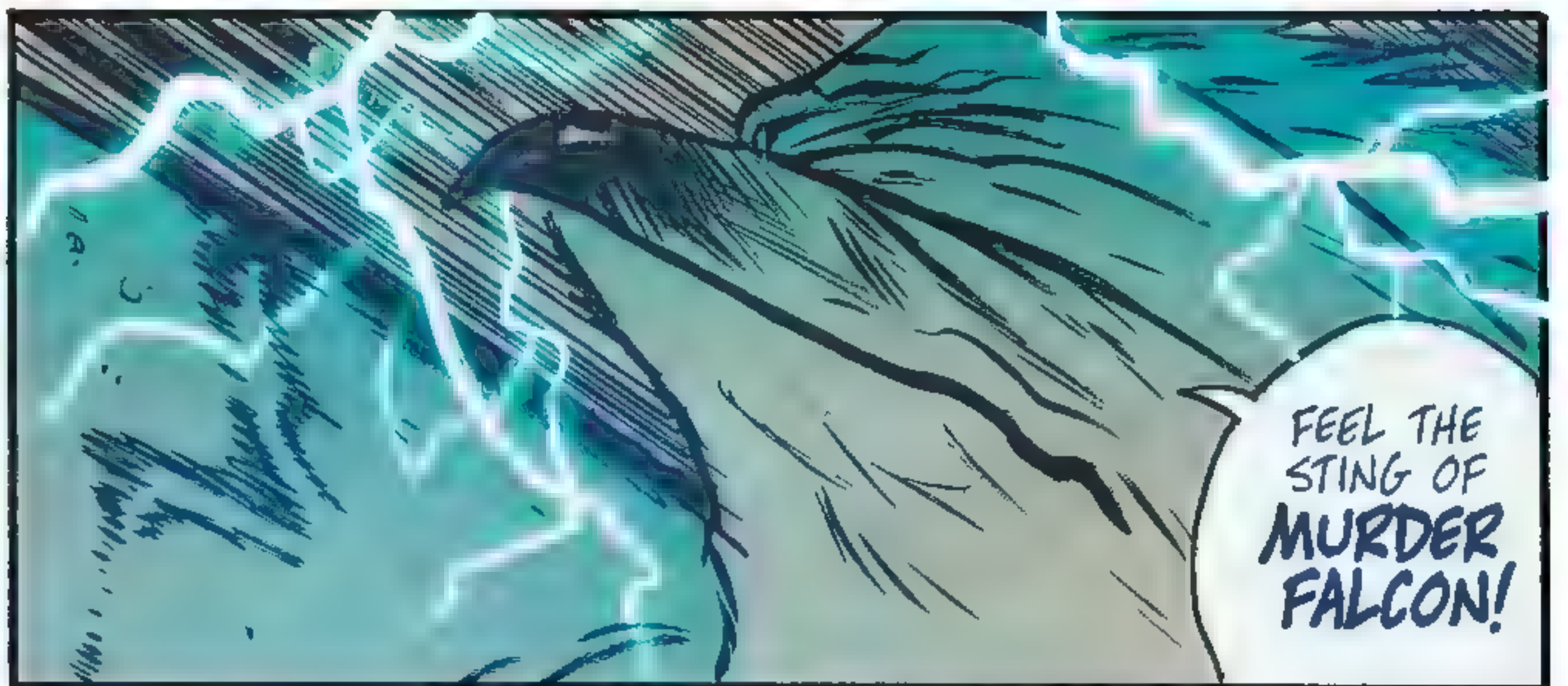
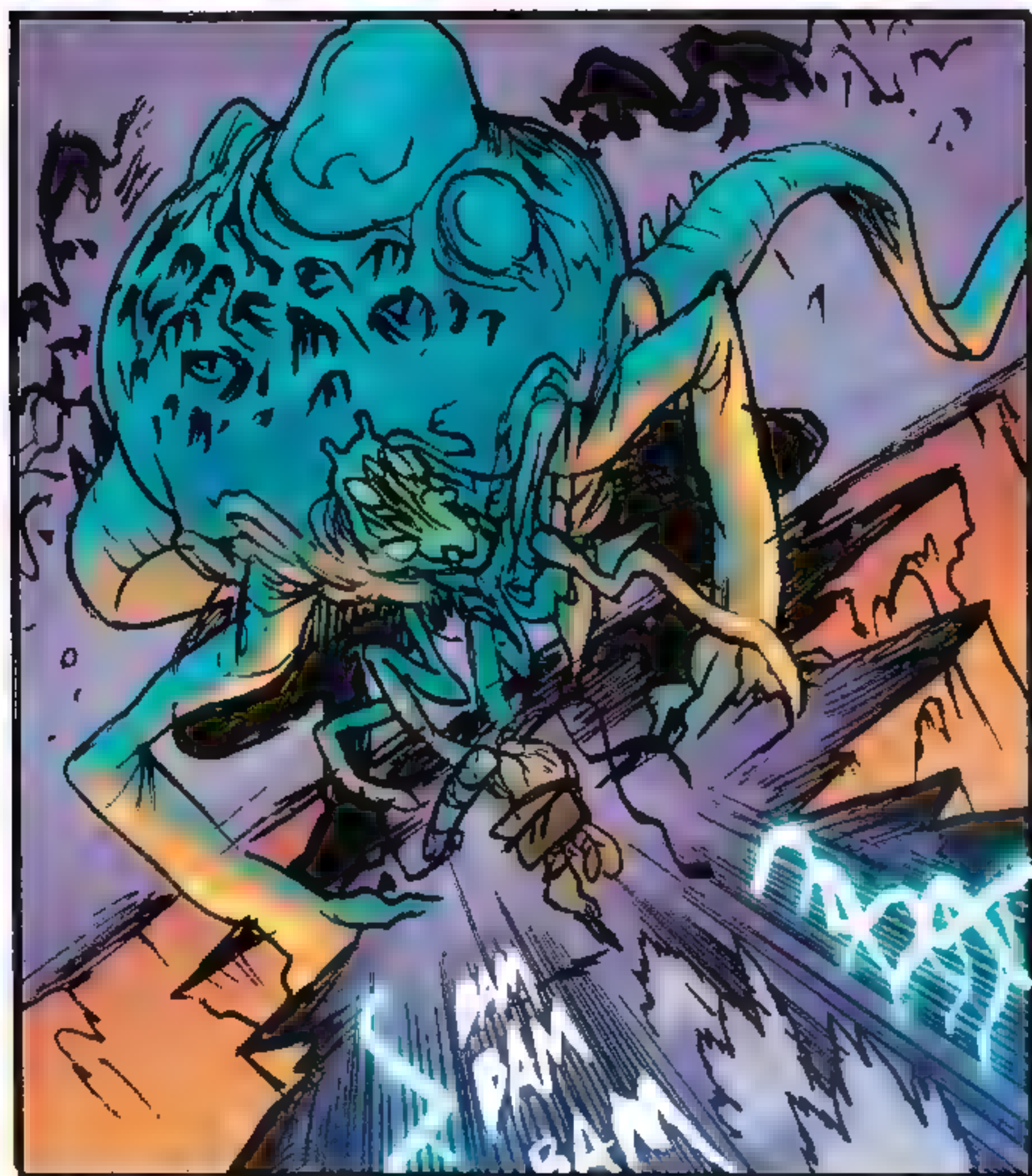


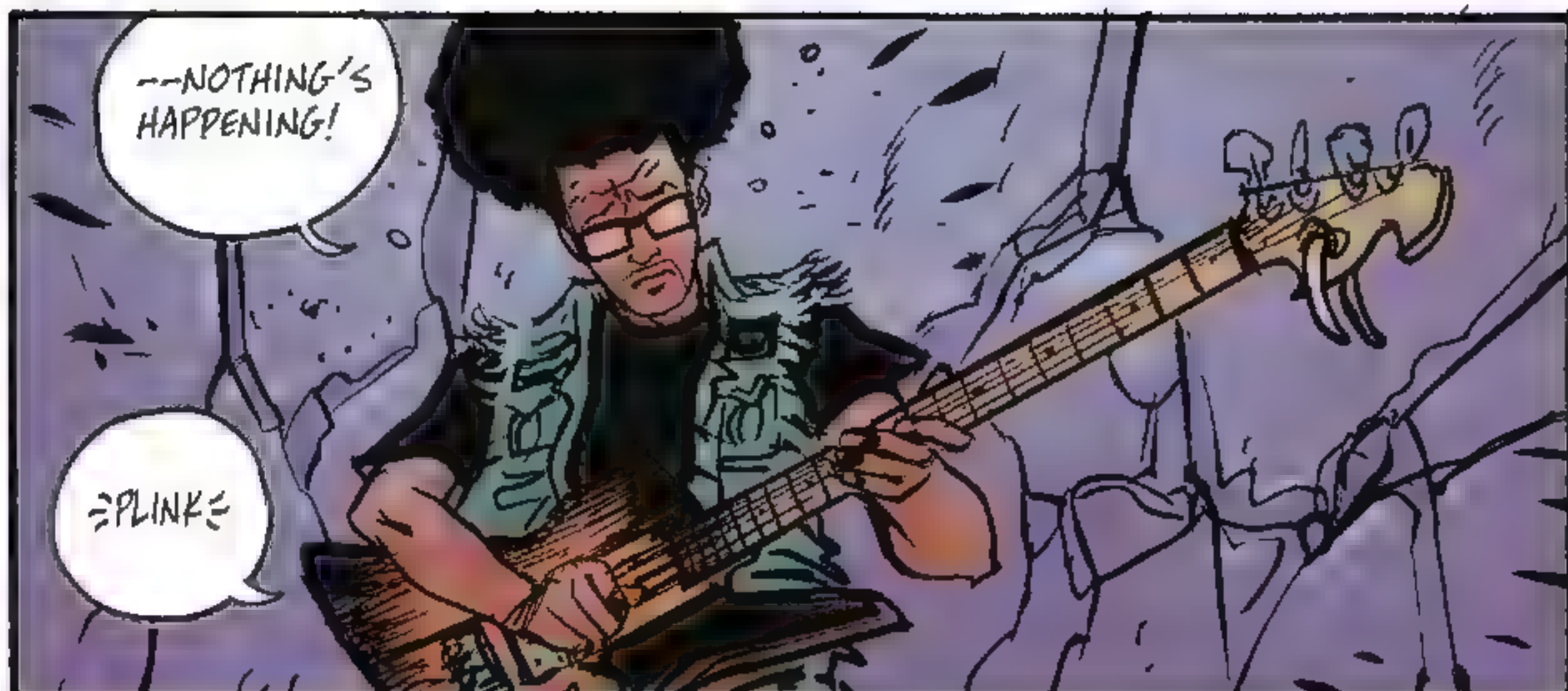
OH...
MY...



UH...
GUYS...?



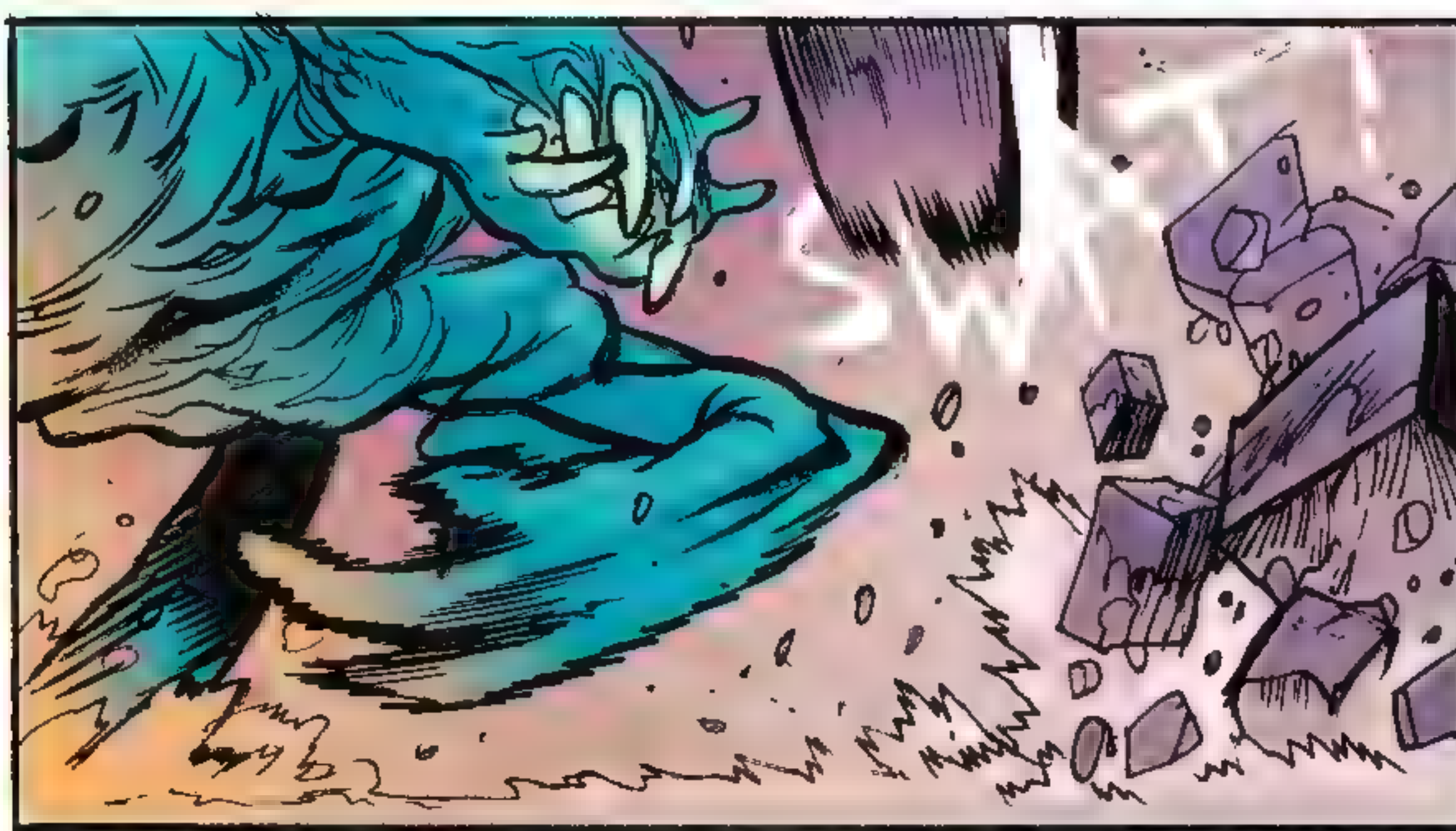






CAN YOU SEE MURF?

NOWHERE! AND WE DON'T HAVE LONG BEFORE--



DO YOU REMEMBER OUR LAST GIG?

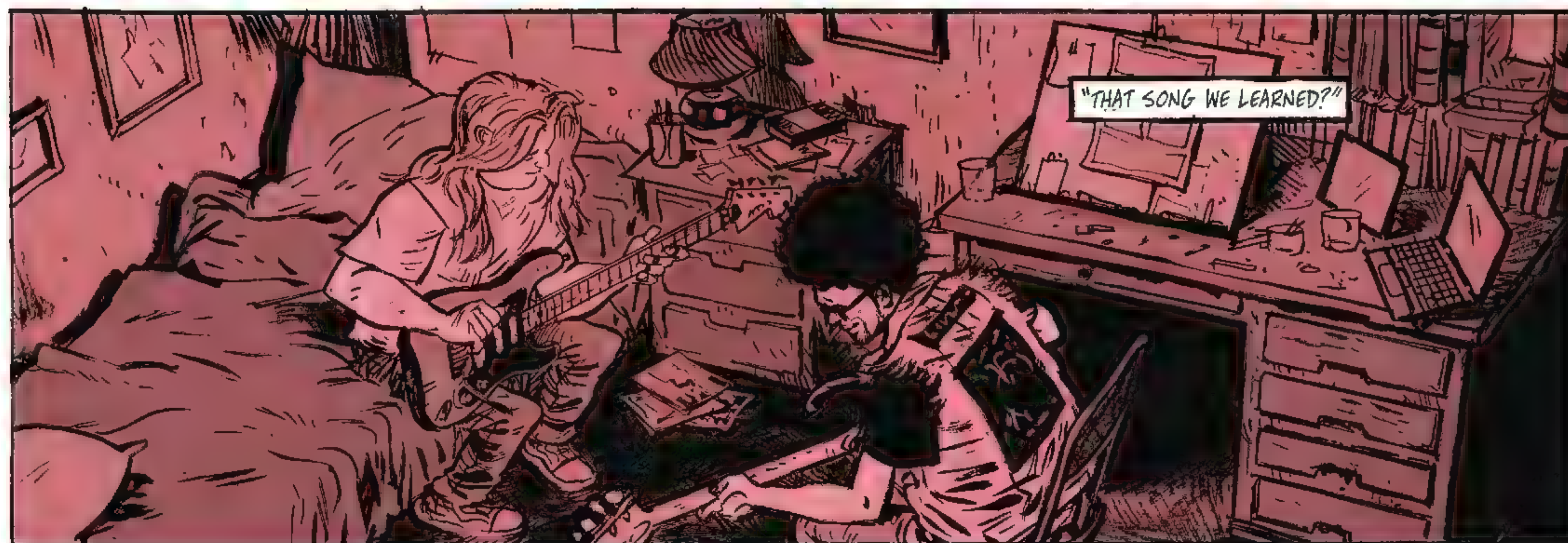
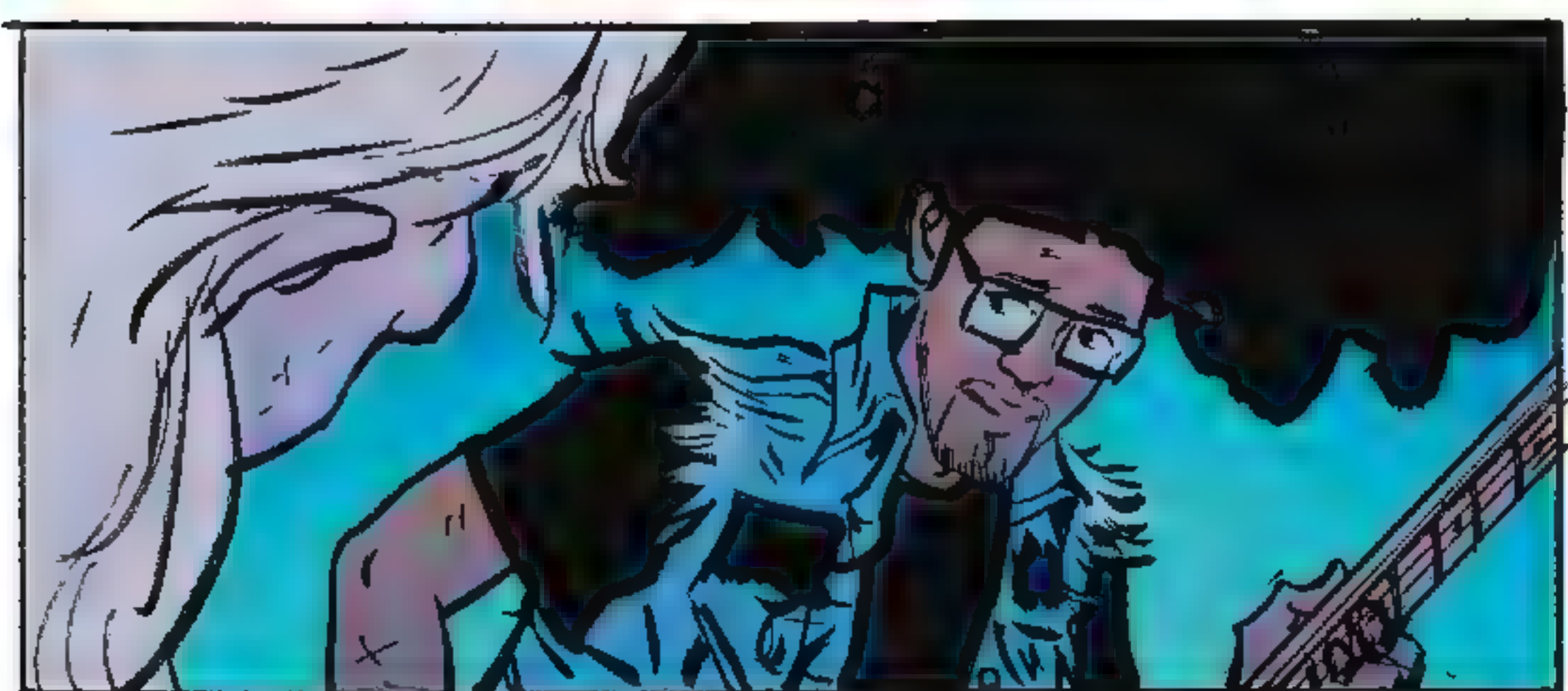


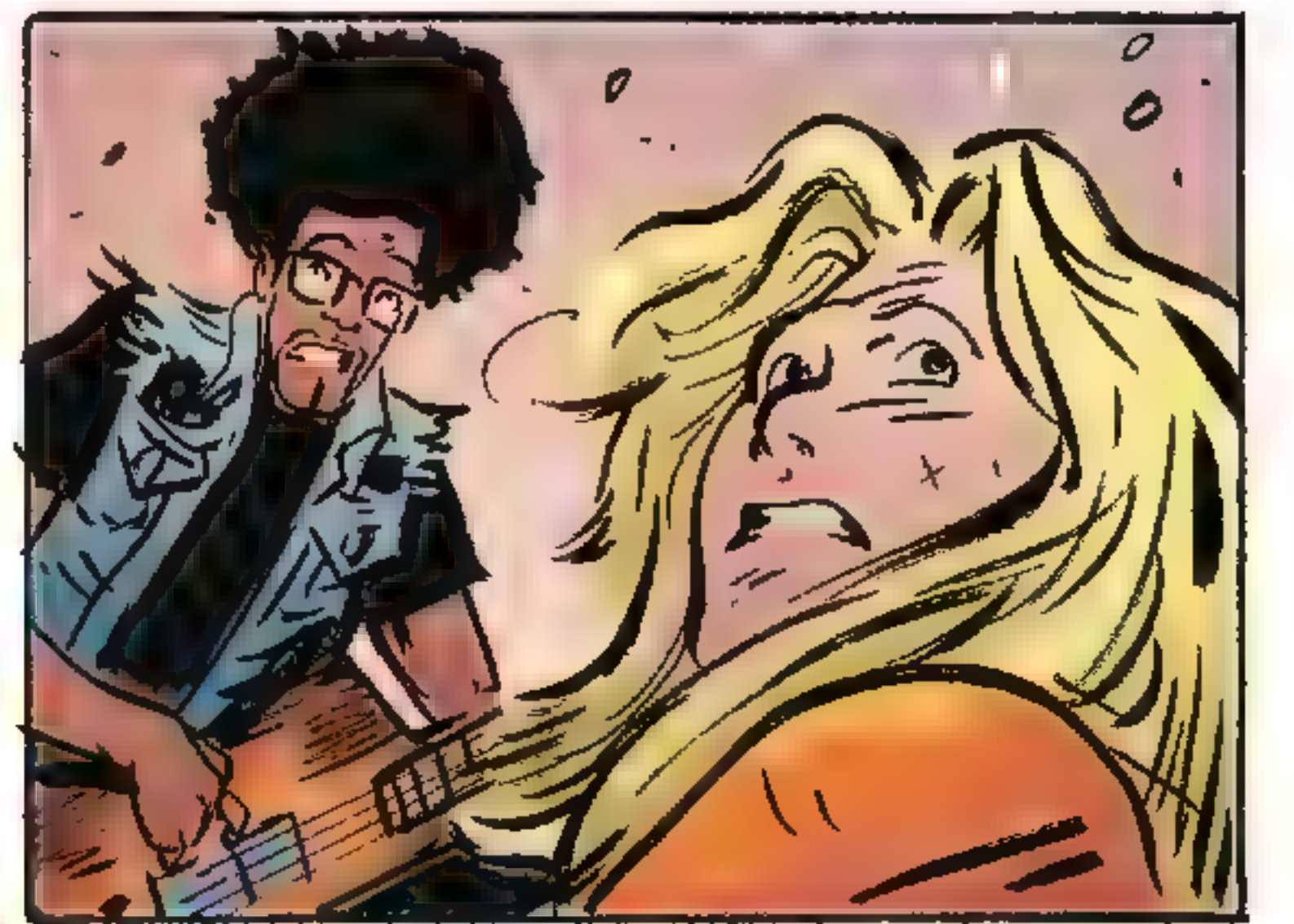
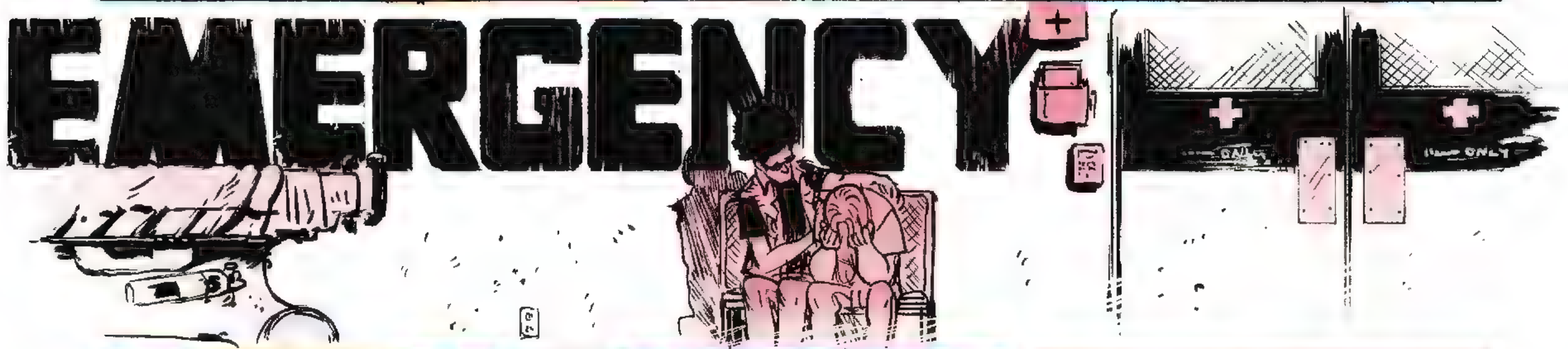
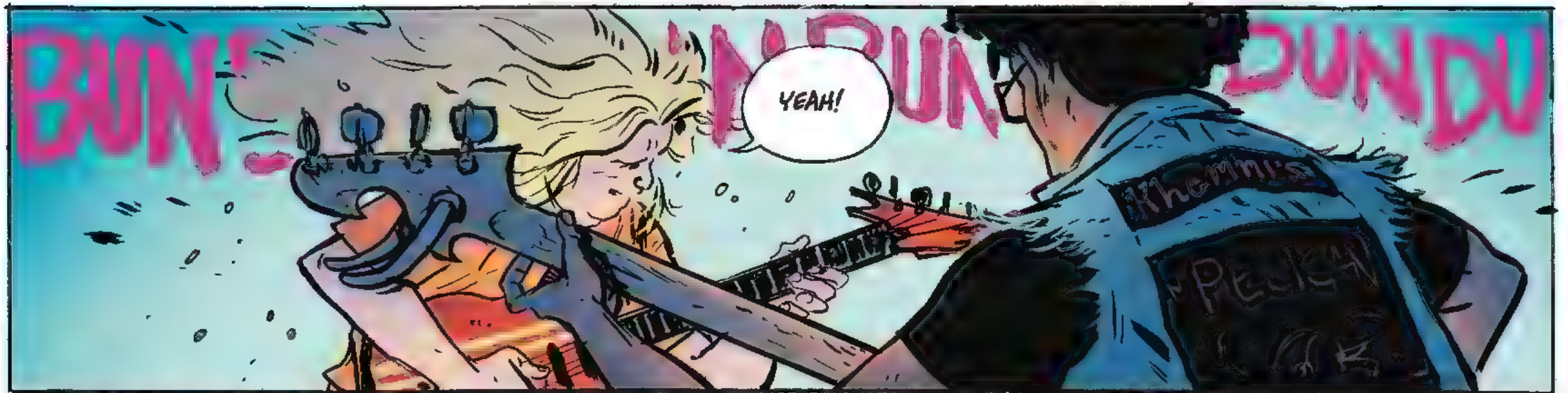
THE ONE THAT THE RECORD LABEL CAME TO SEE? THINGS WERE ALL FALLING INTO PLACE FOR US... THE BAND... FINALLY.



I KNOW THINGS HAVE BEEN HARD. I KNOW YOU'VE LOST...A LOT. AND I REALIZE THAT WE PROCESS ALMOST EVERYTHING DIFFERENTLY.

BUT YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS PAIN.



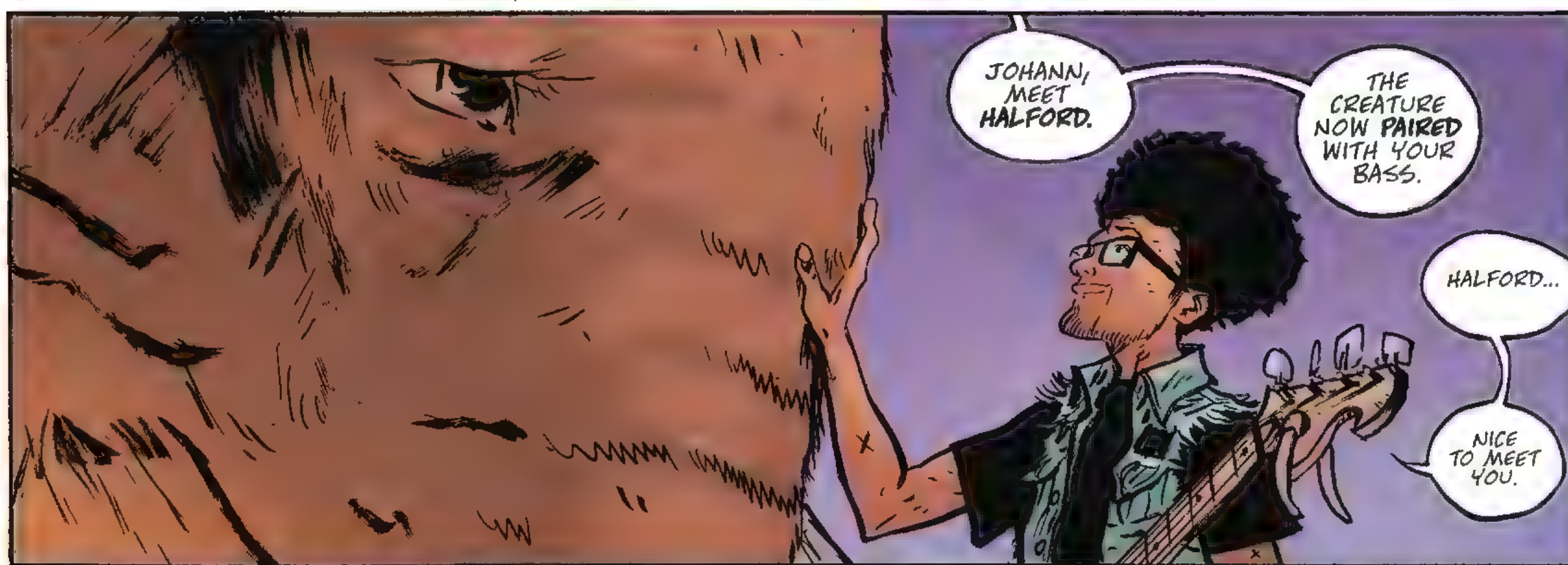


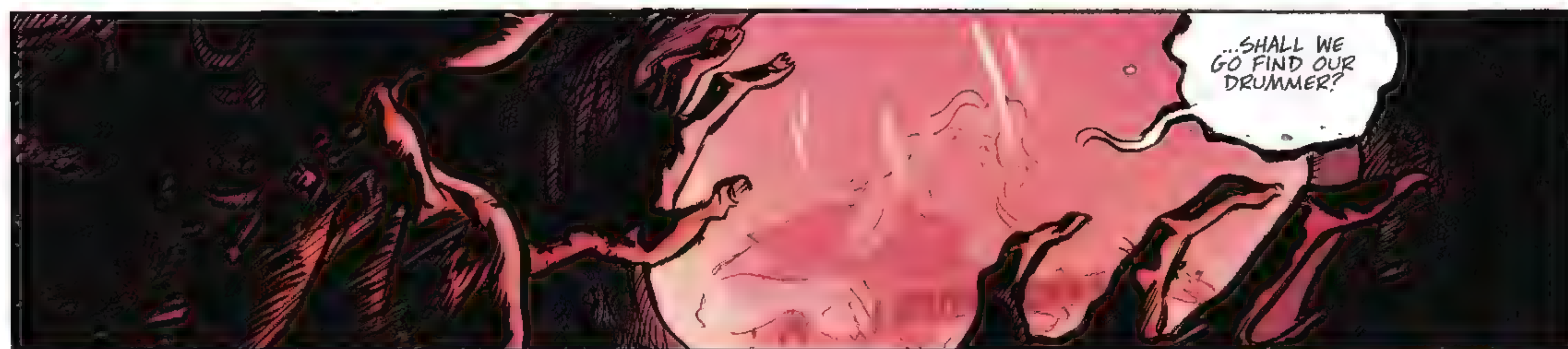
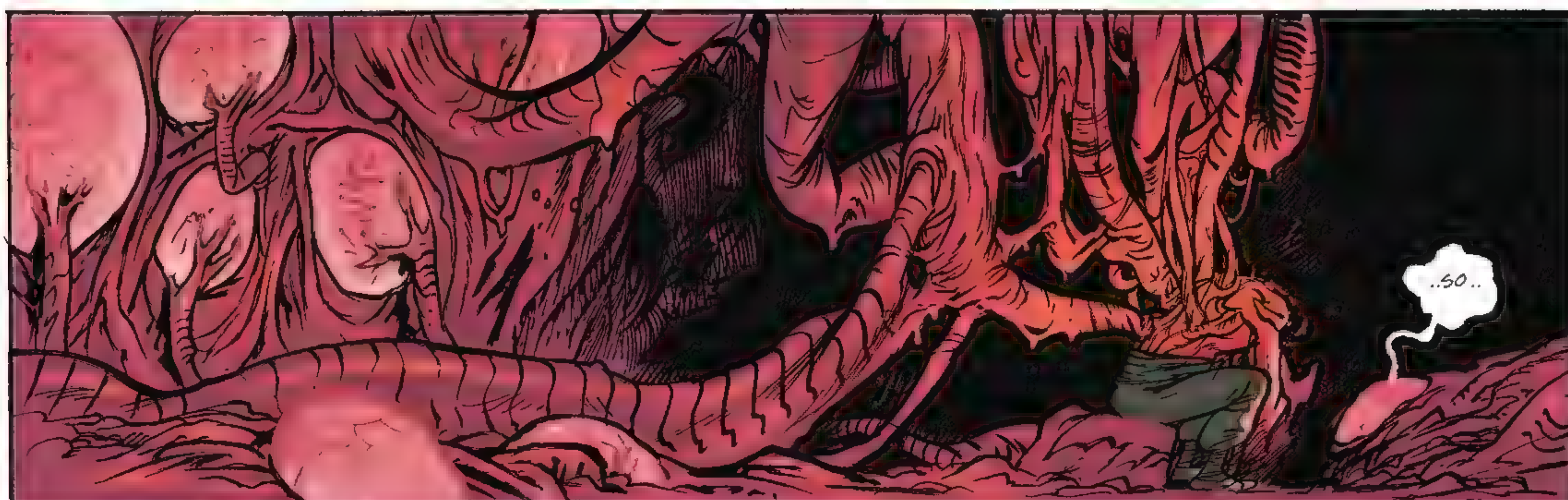
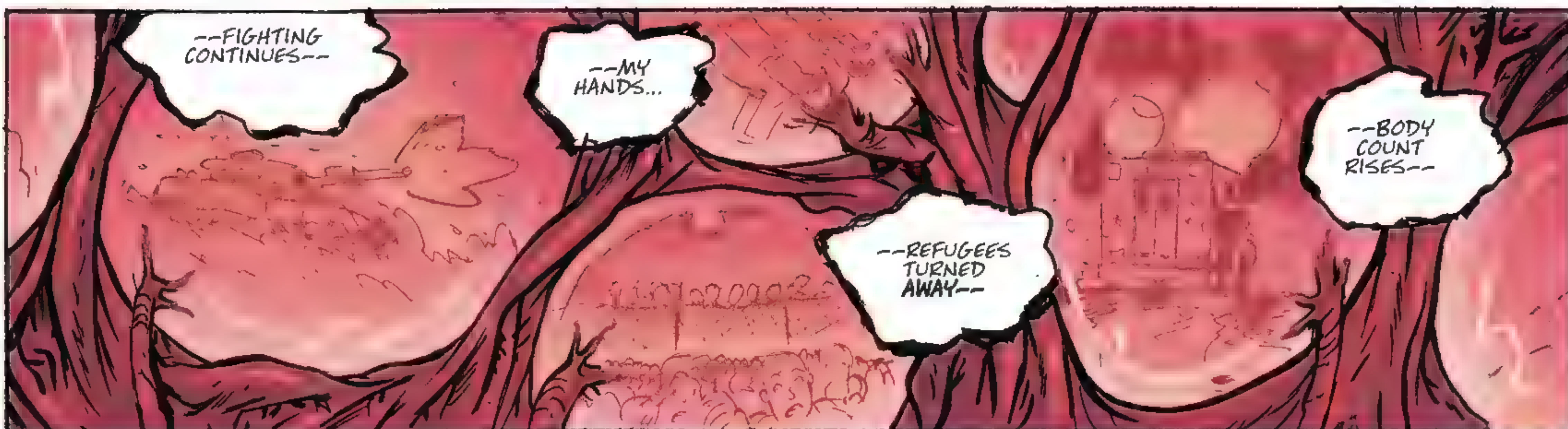


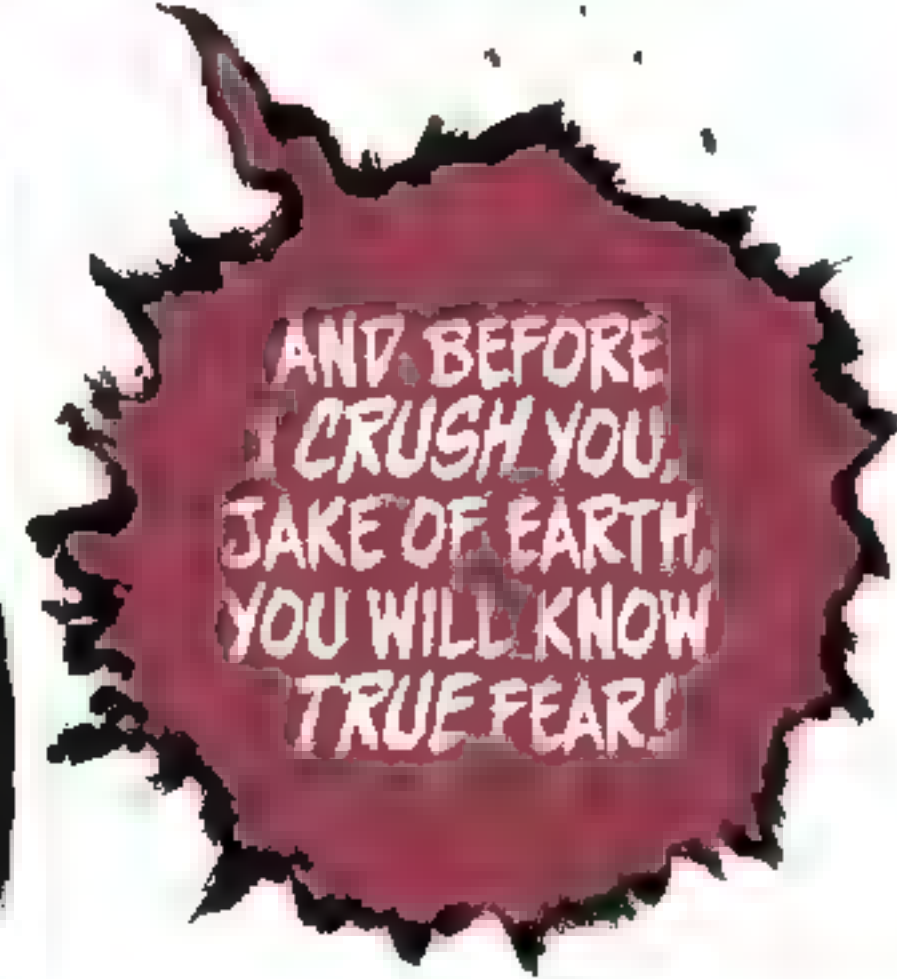
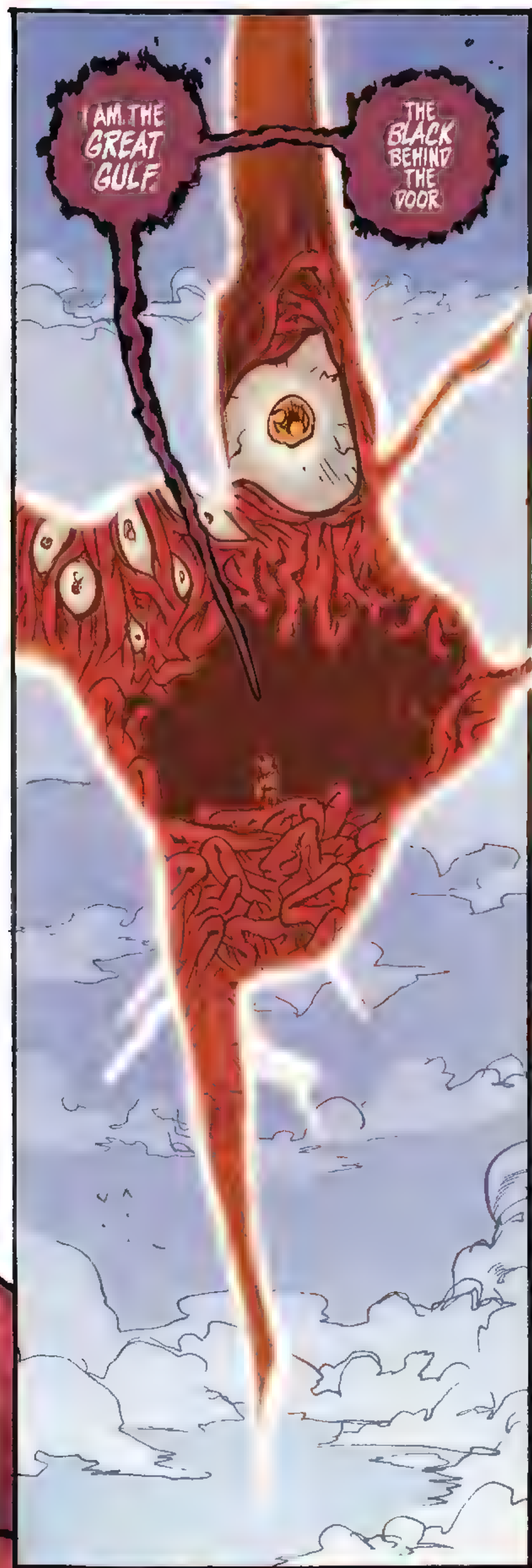
FASTER
THAN A
LAZER
BULLET!

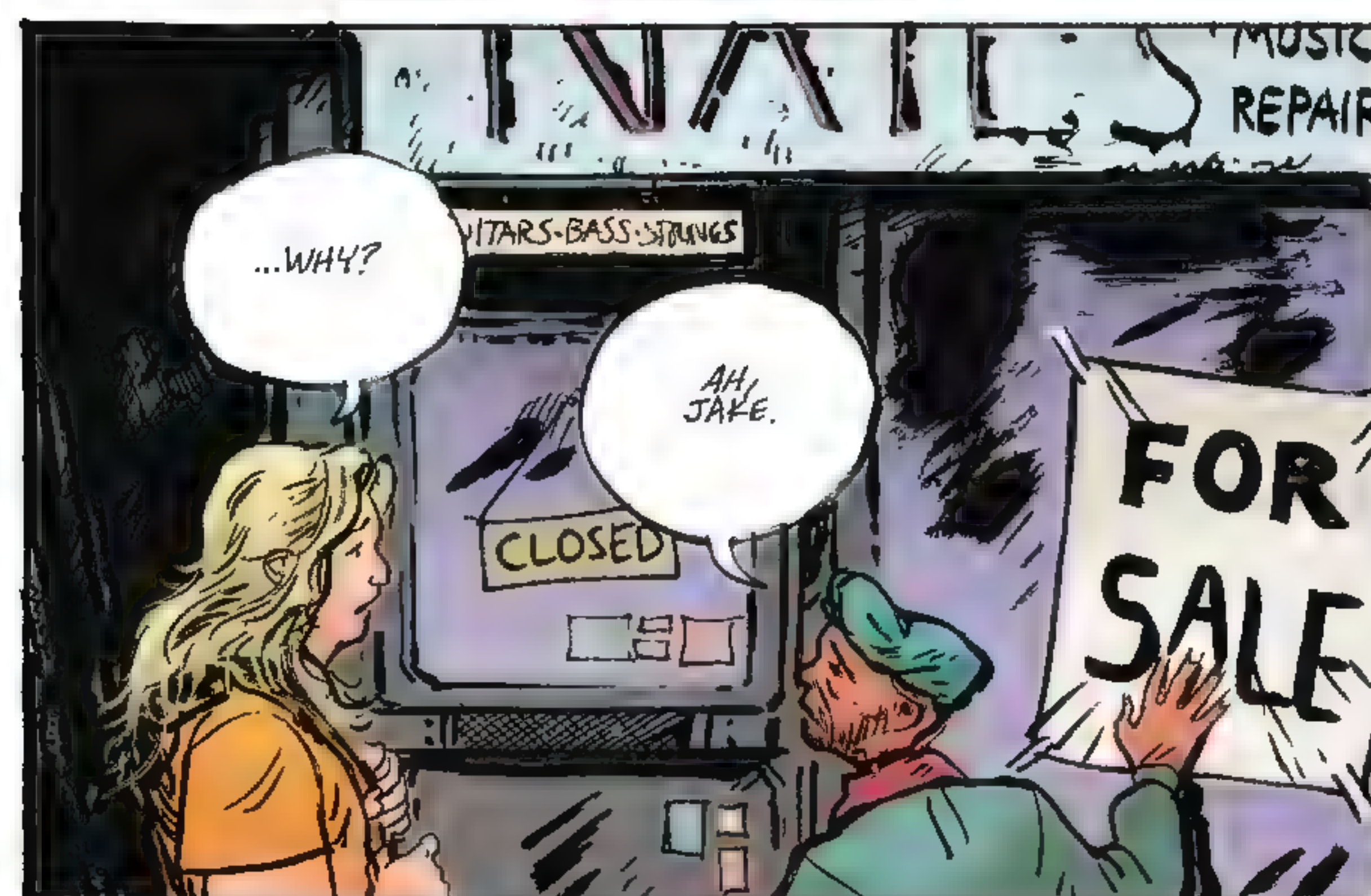
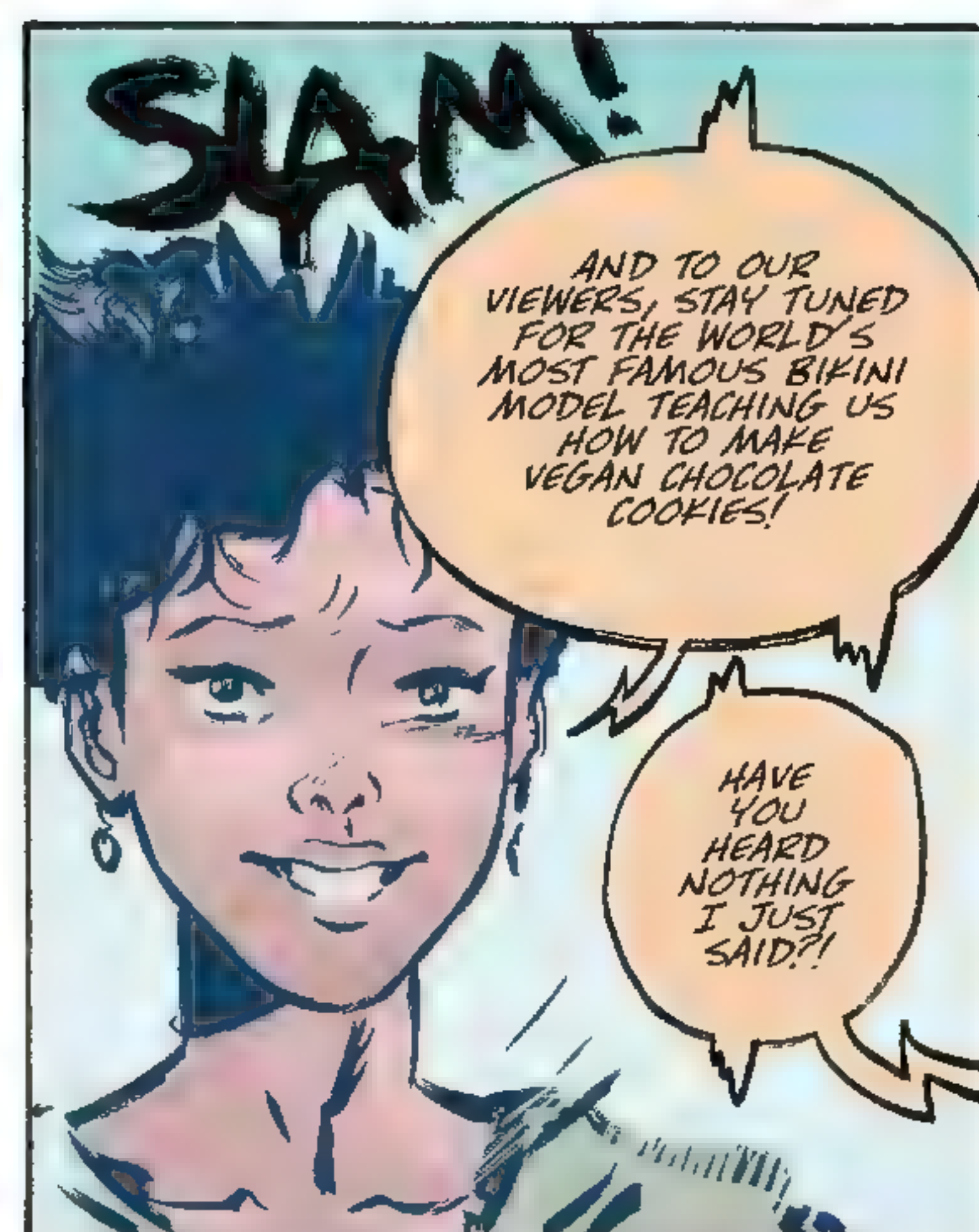
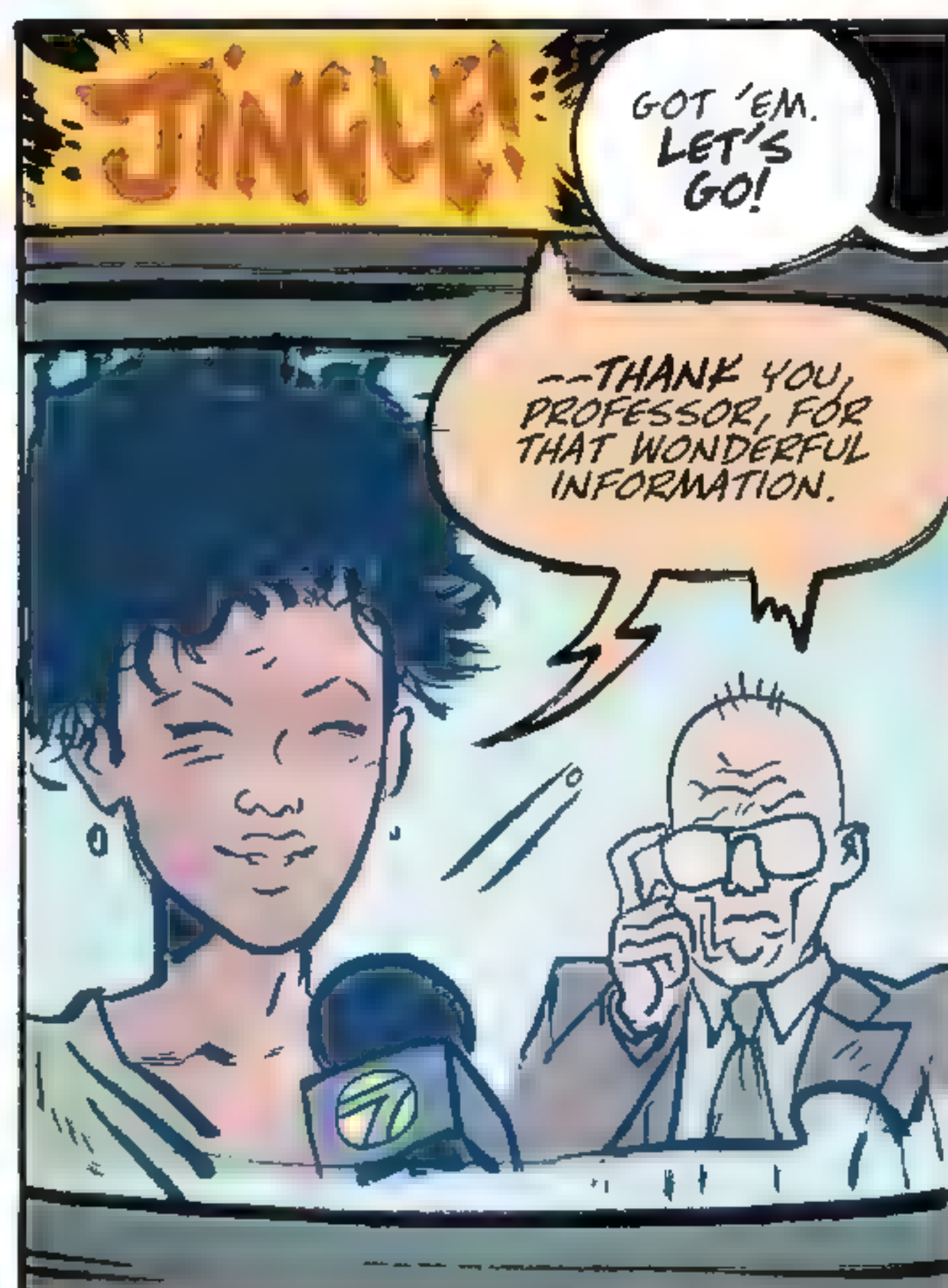
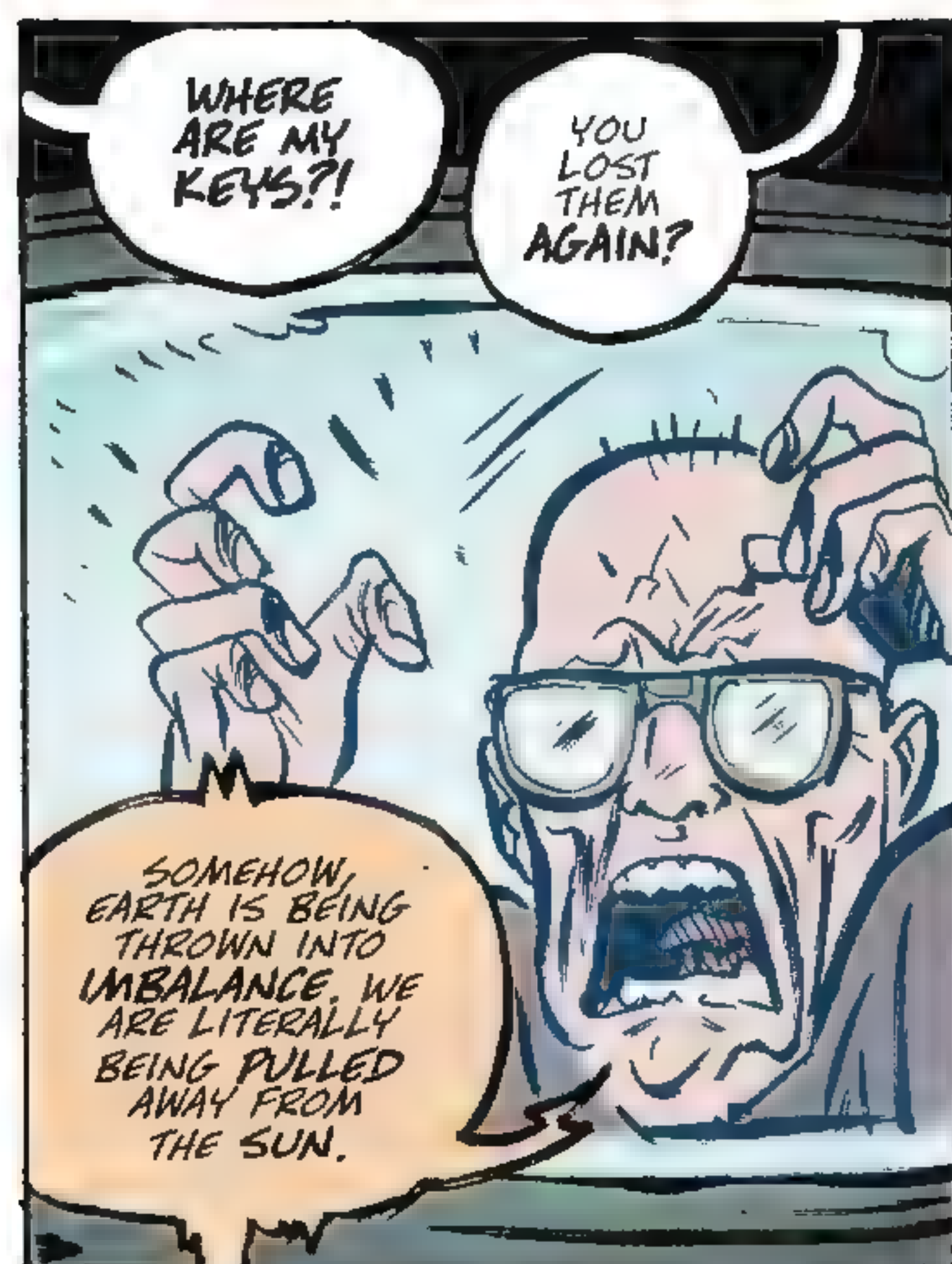
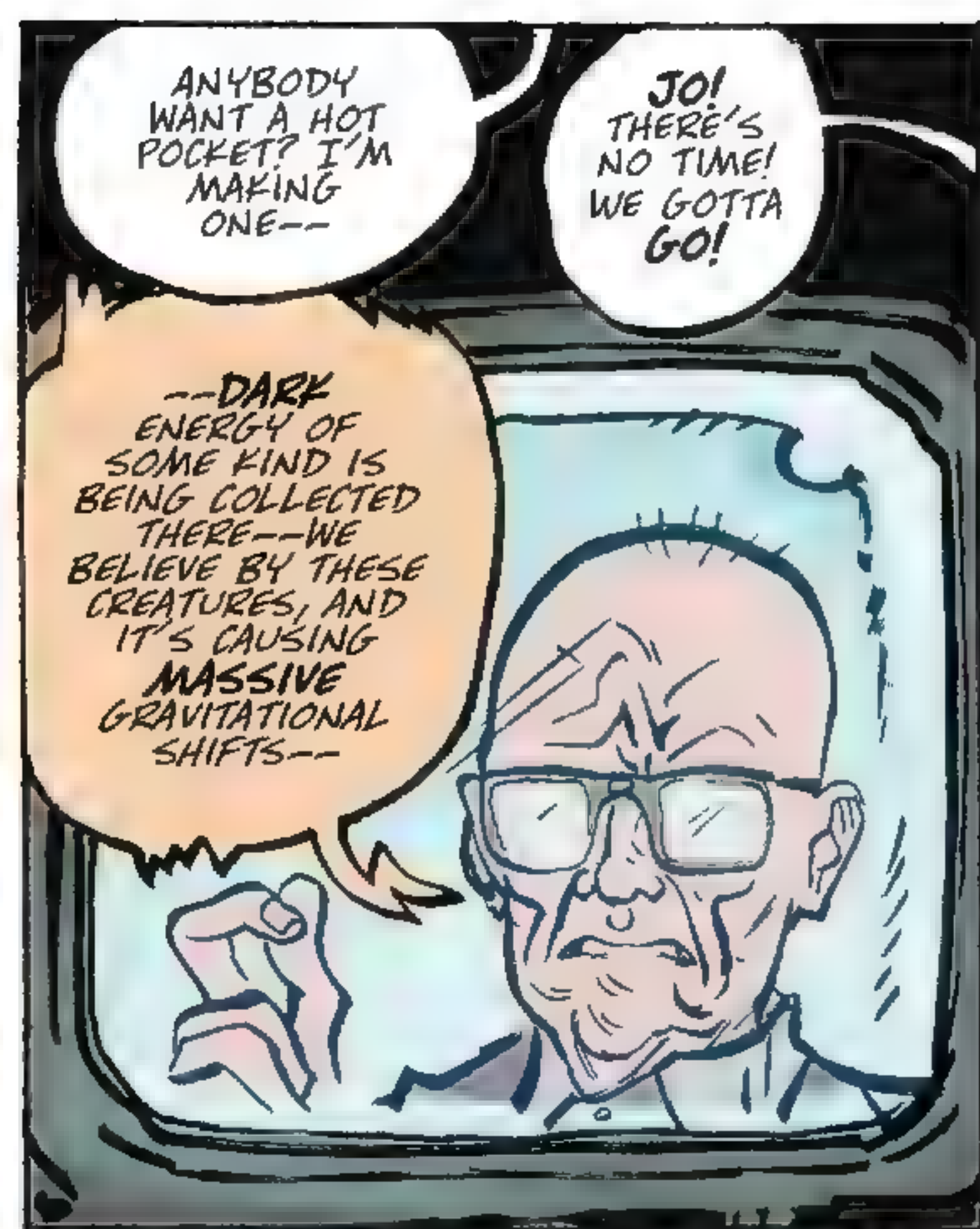
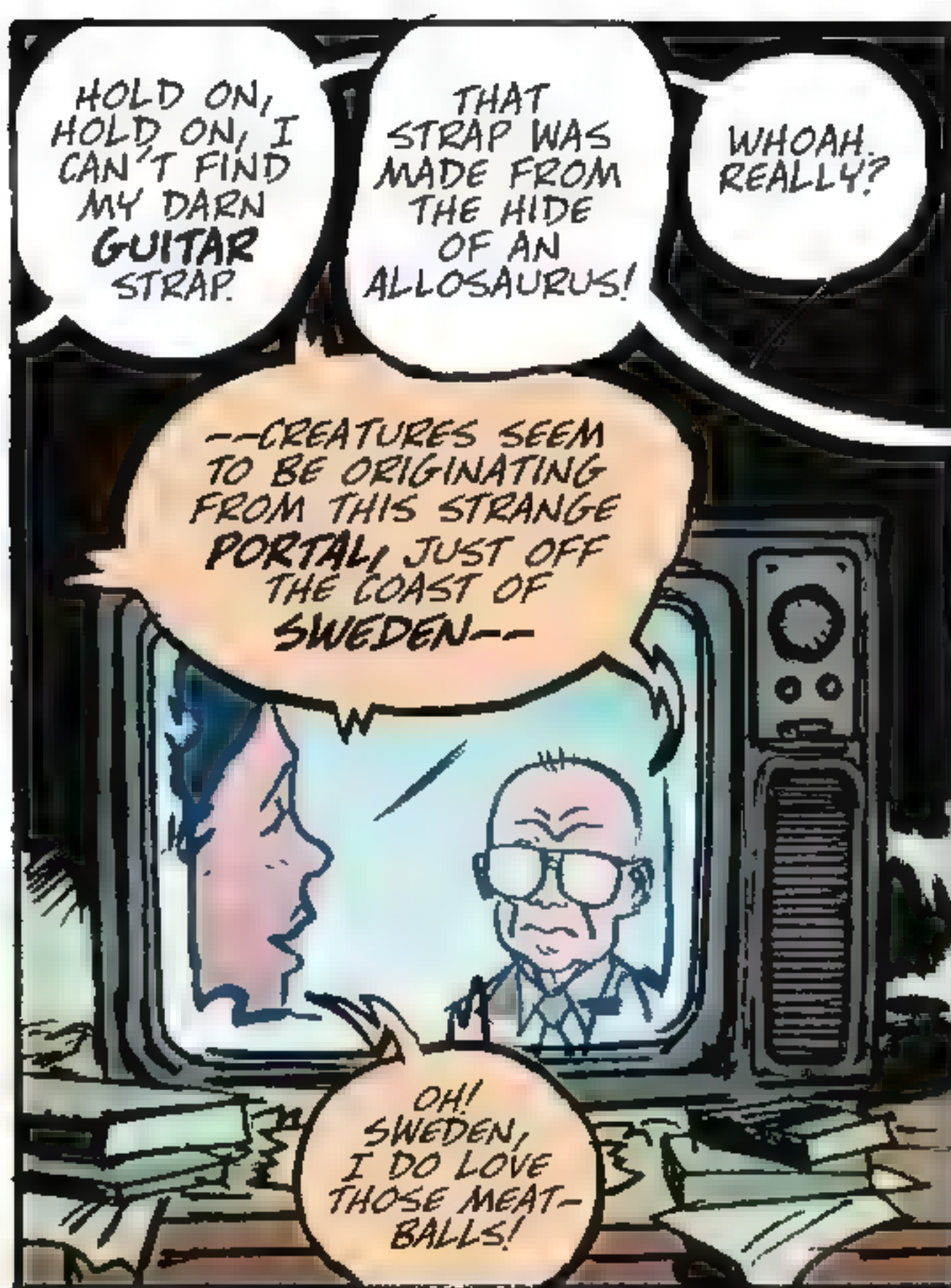
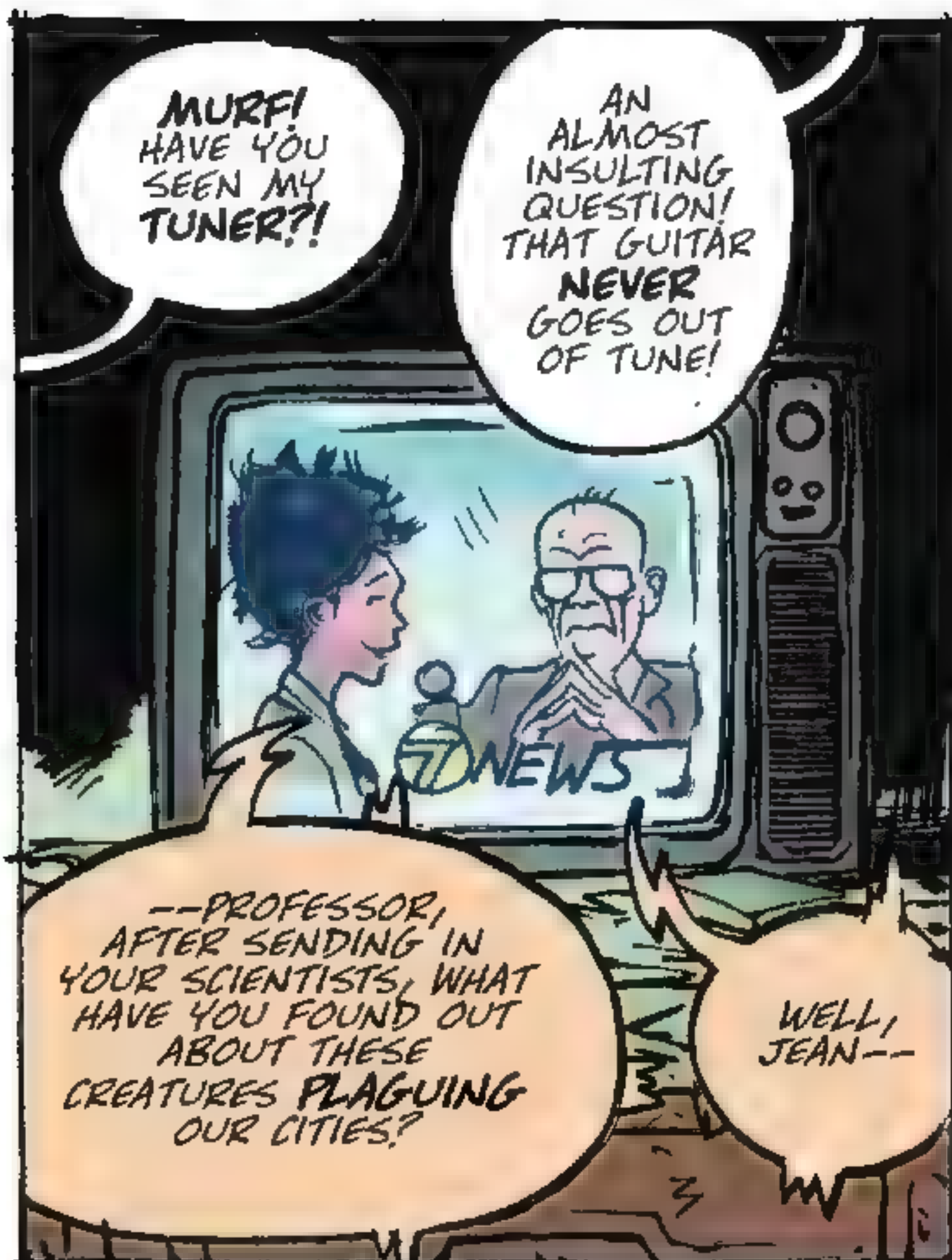
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KROOK

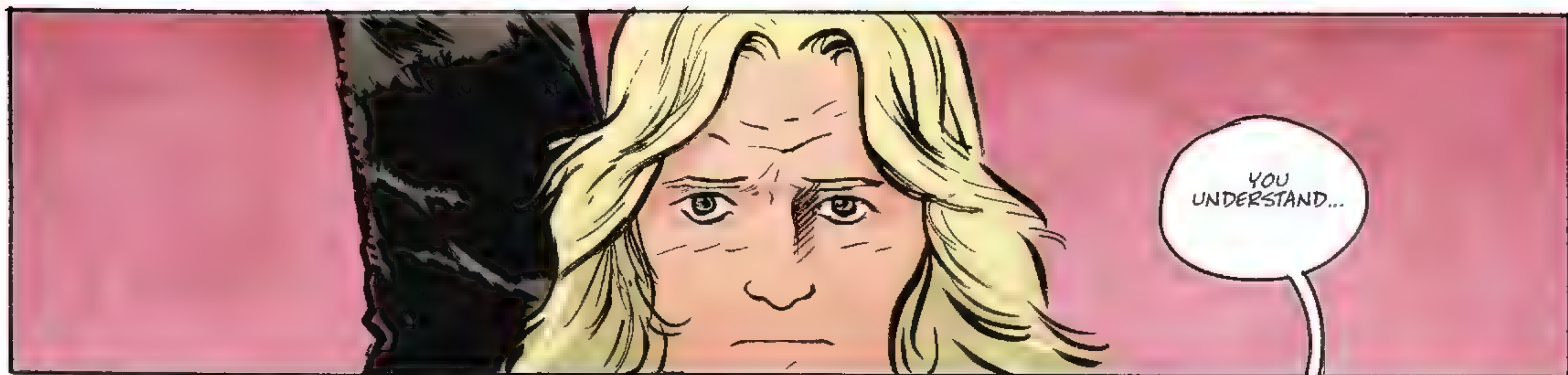
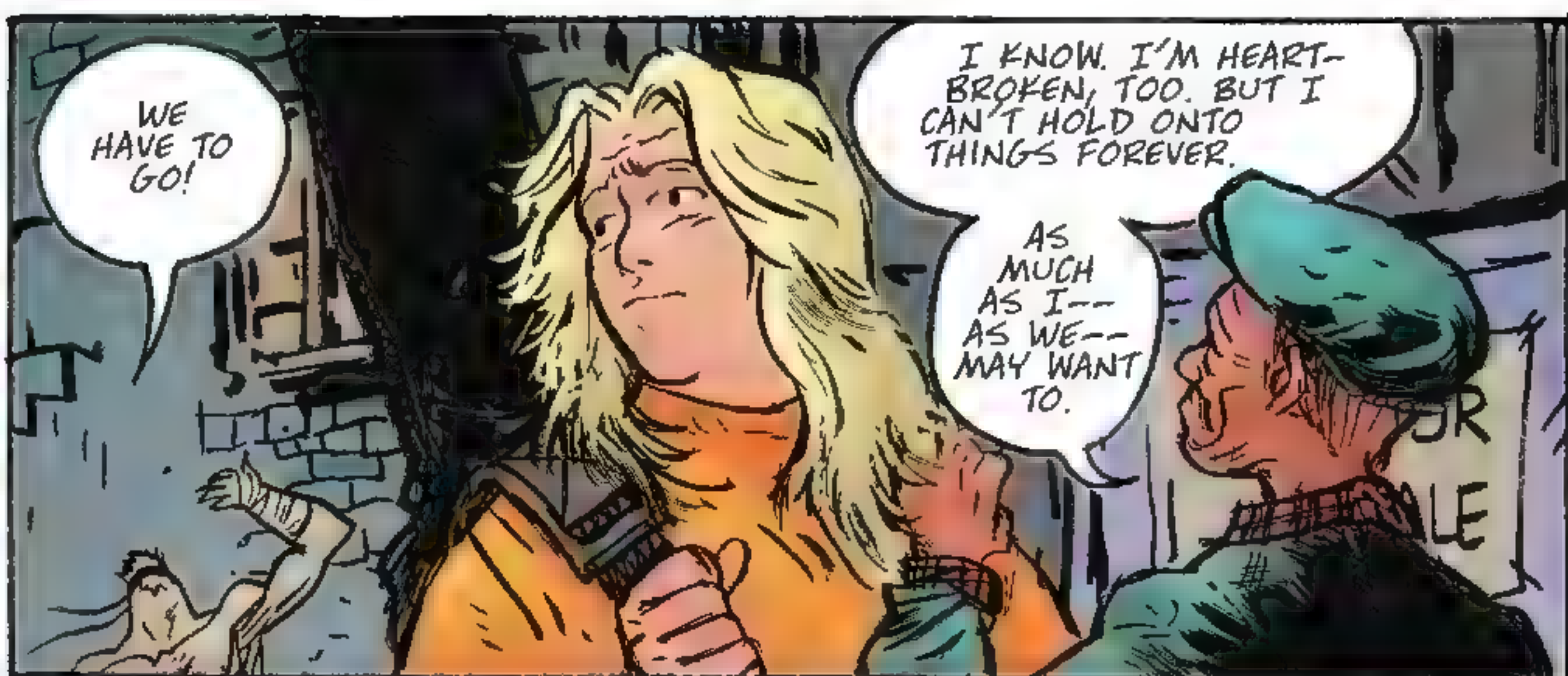




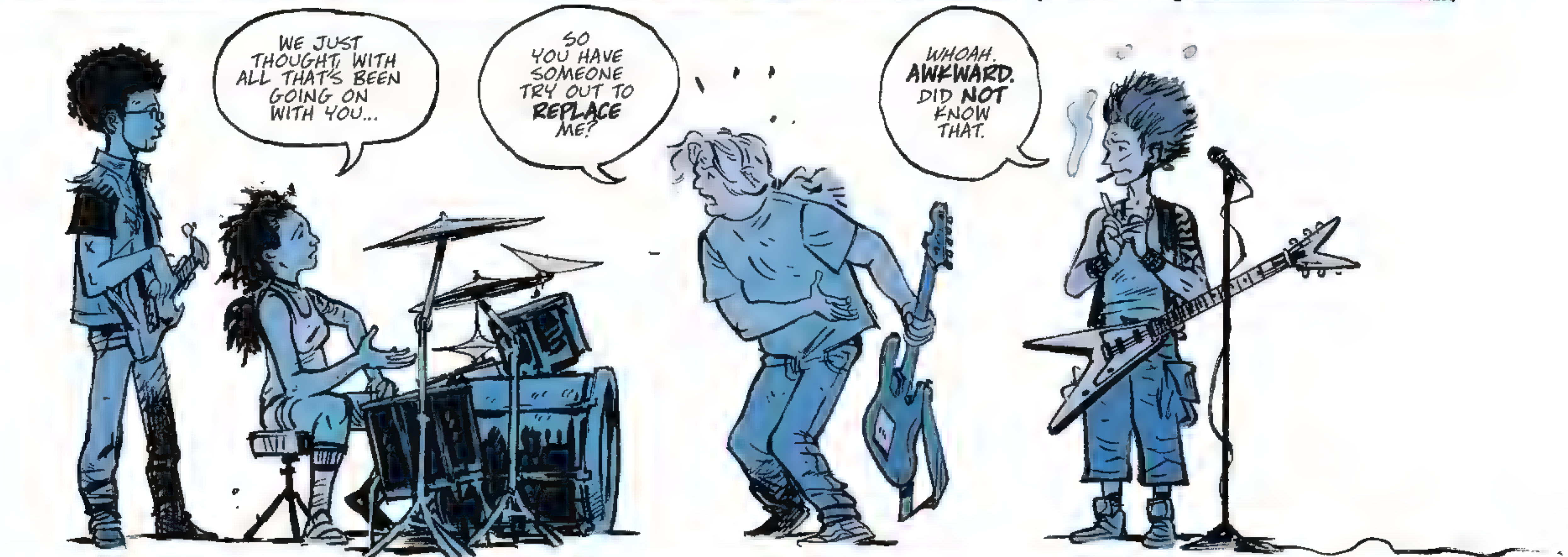
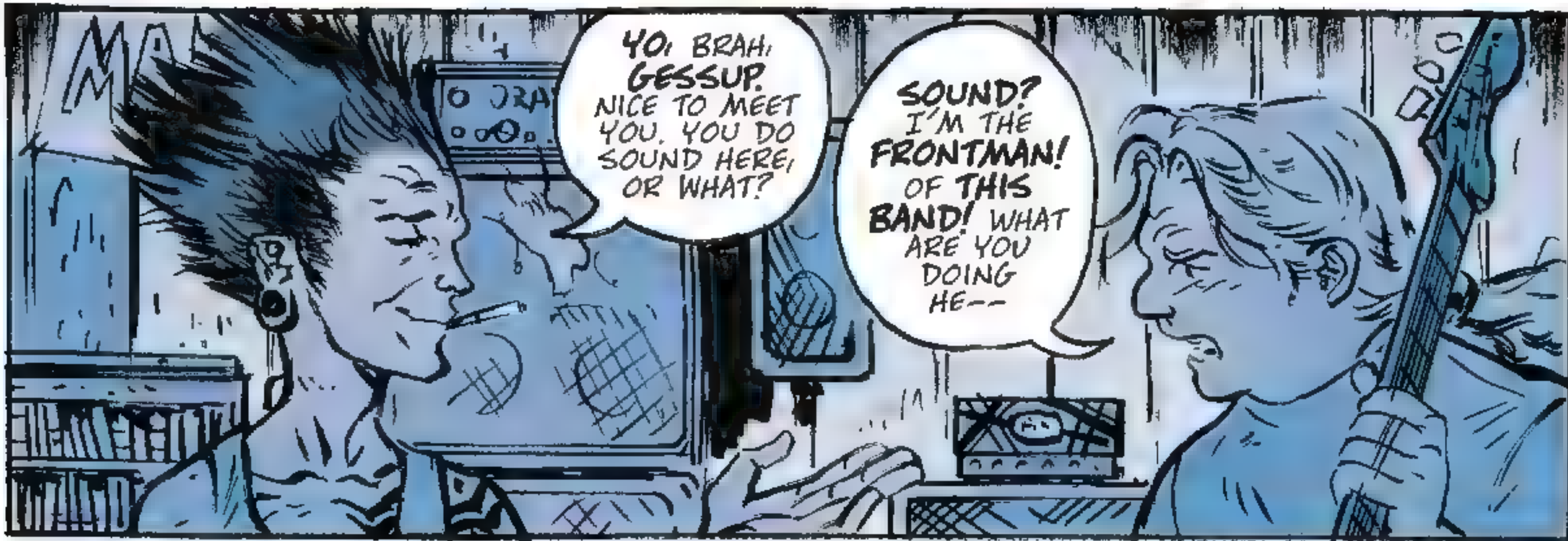
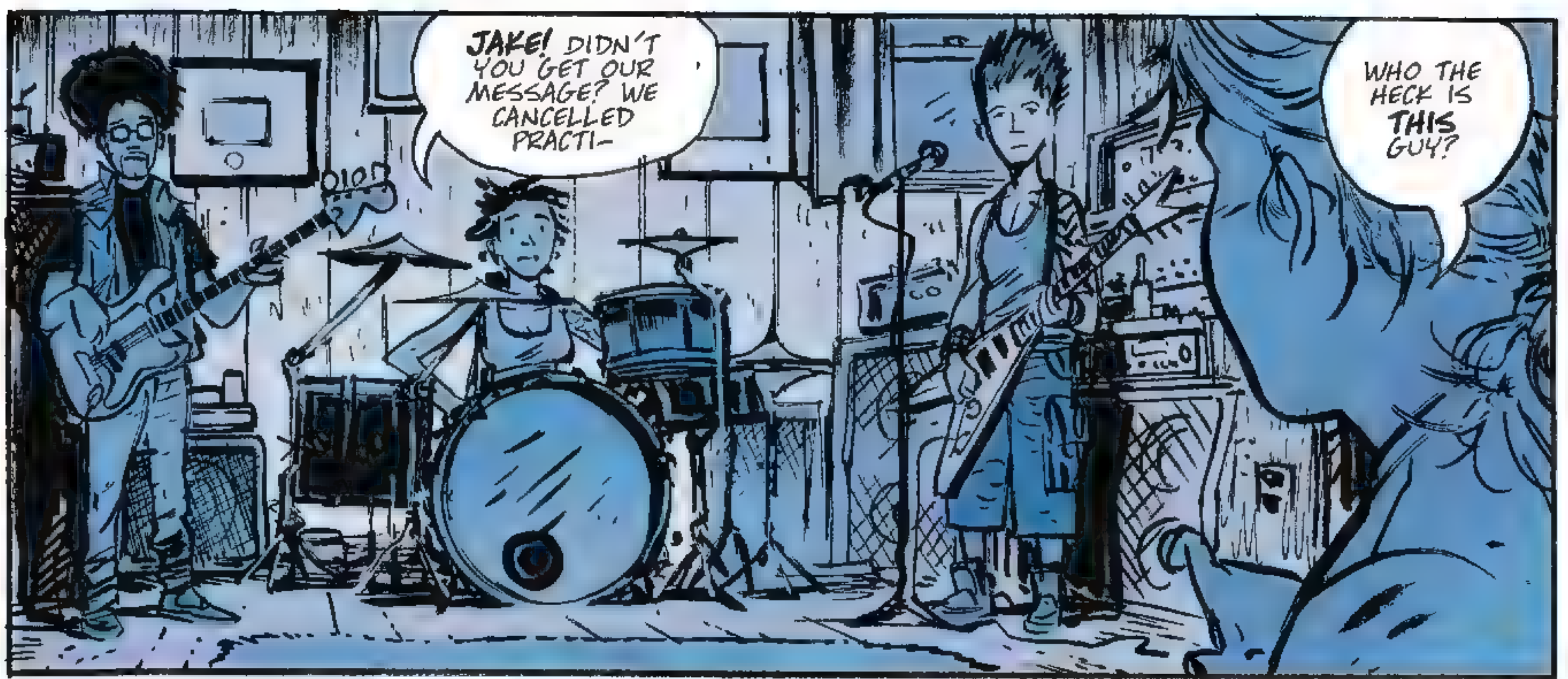


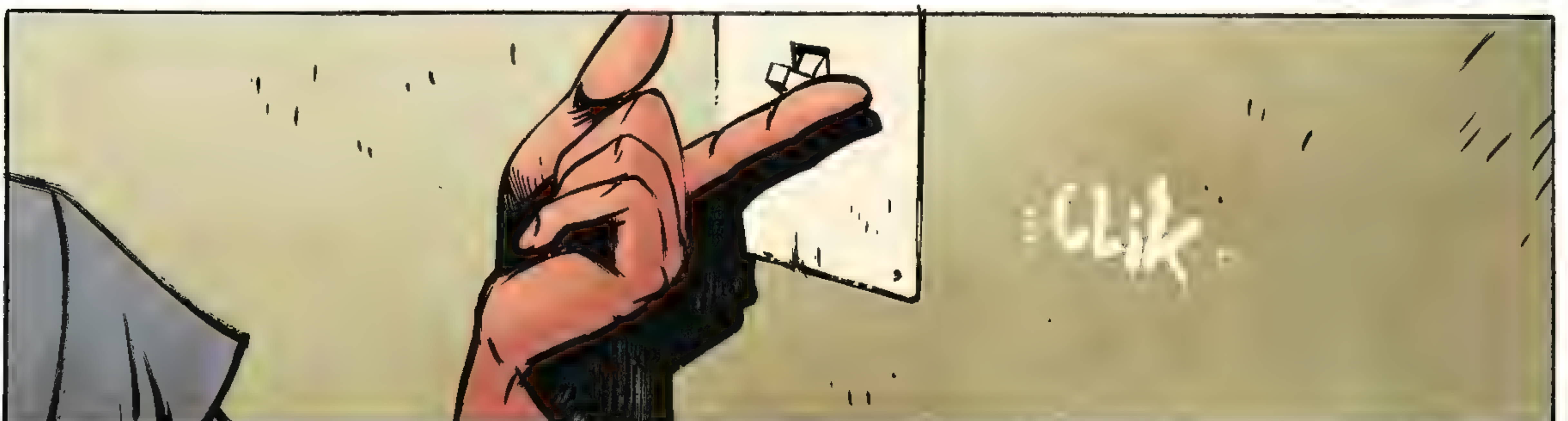


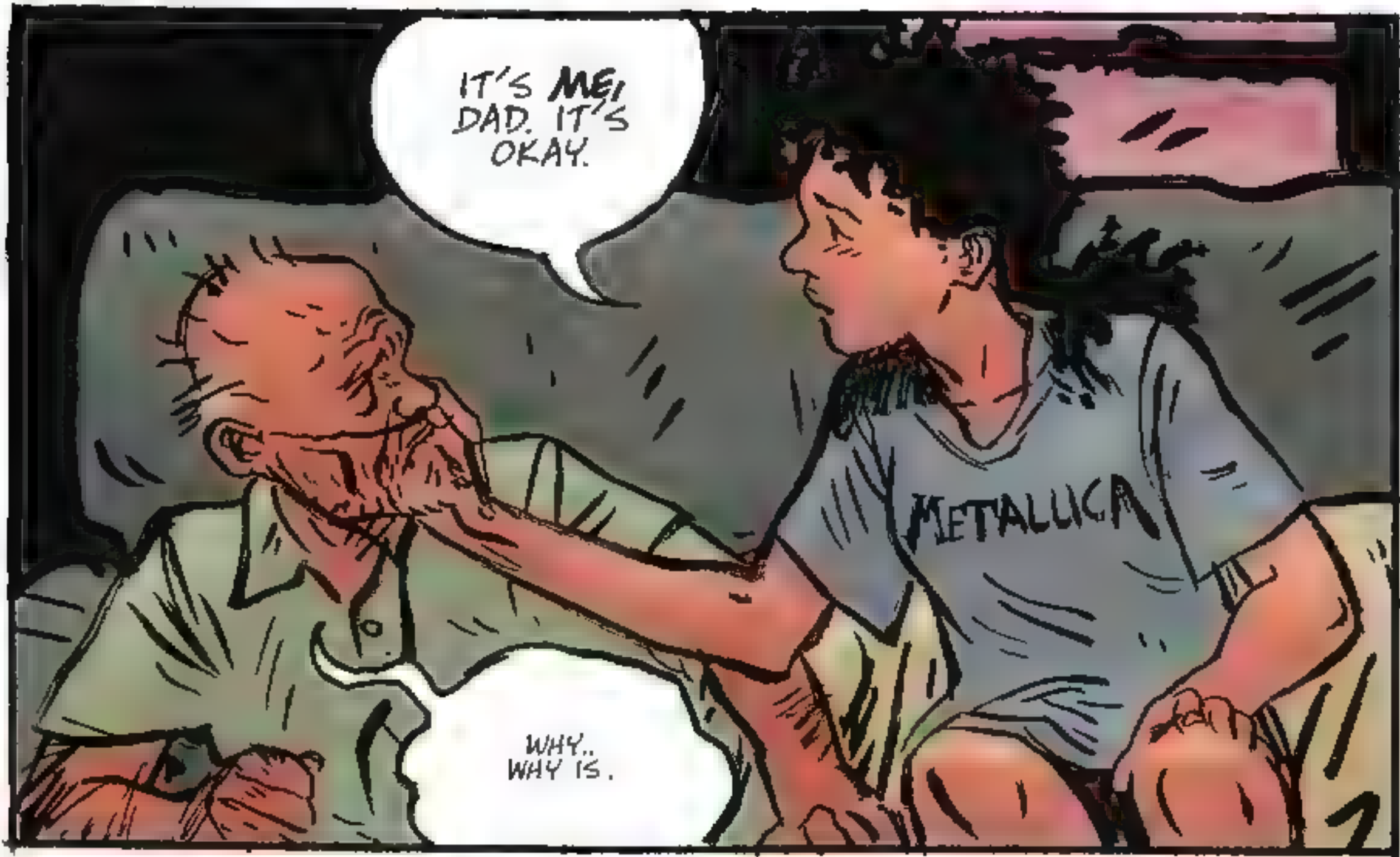


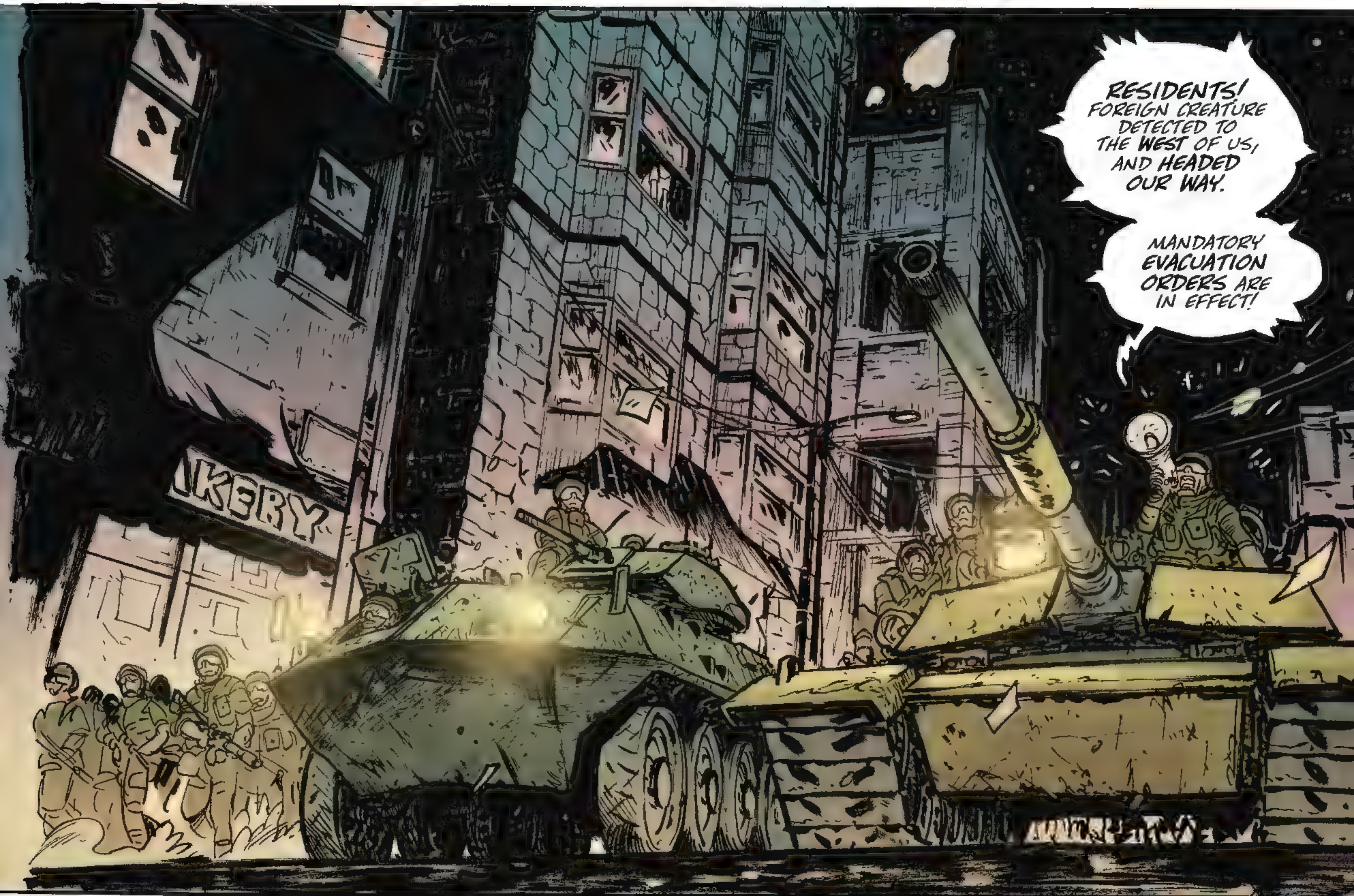












RESIDENTS!
FOREIGN CREATURE
DETECTED TO
THE WEST OF US!
AND HEADED
OUR WAY.

MANDATORY
EVACUATION
ORDERS ARE
IN EFFECT!



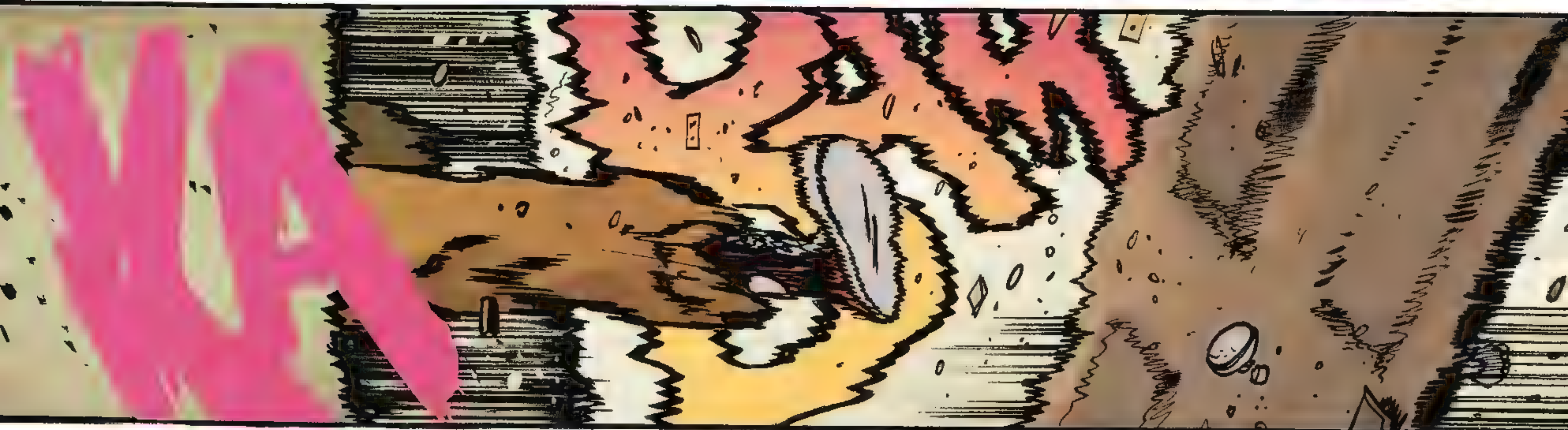
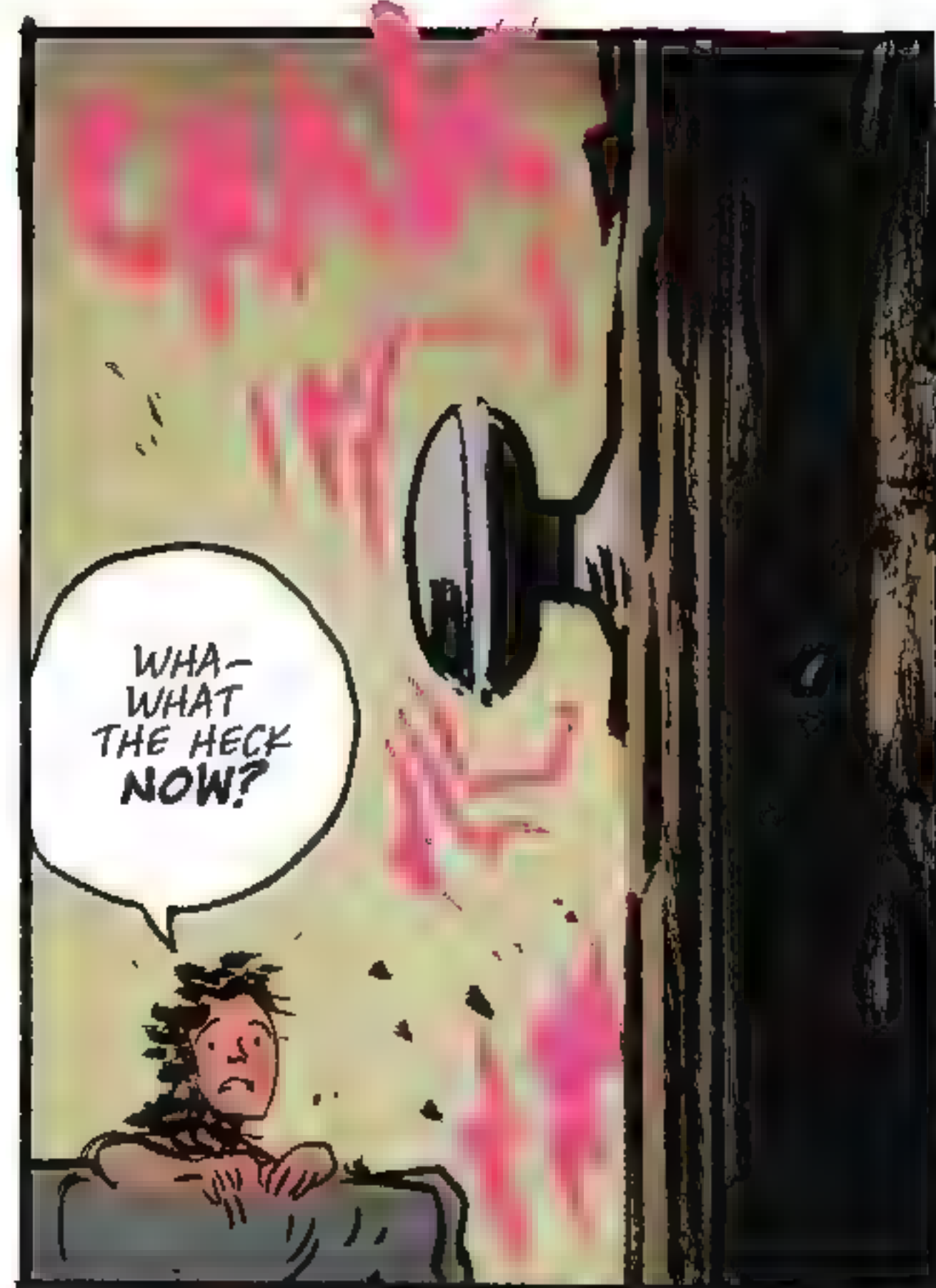
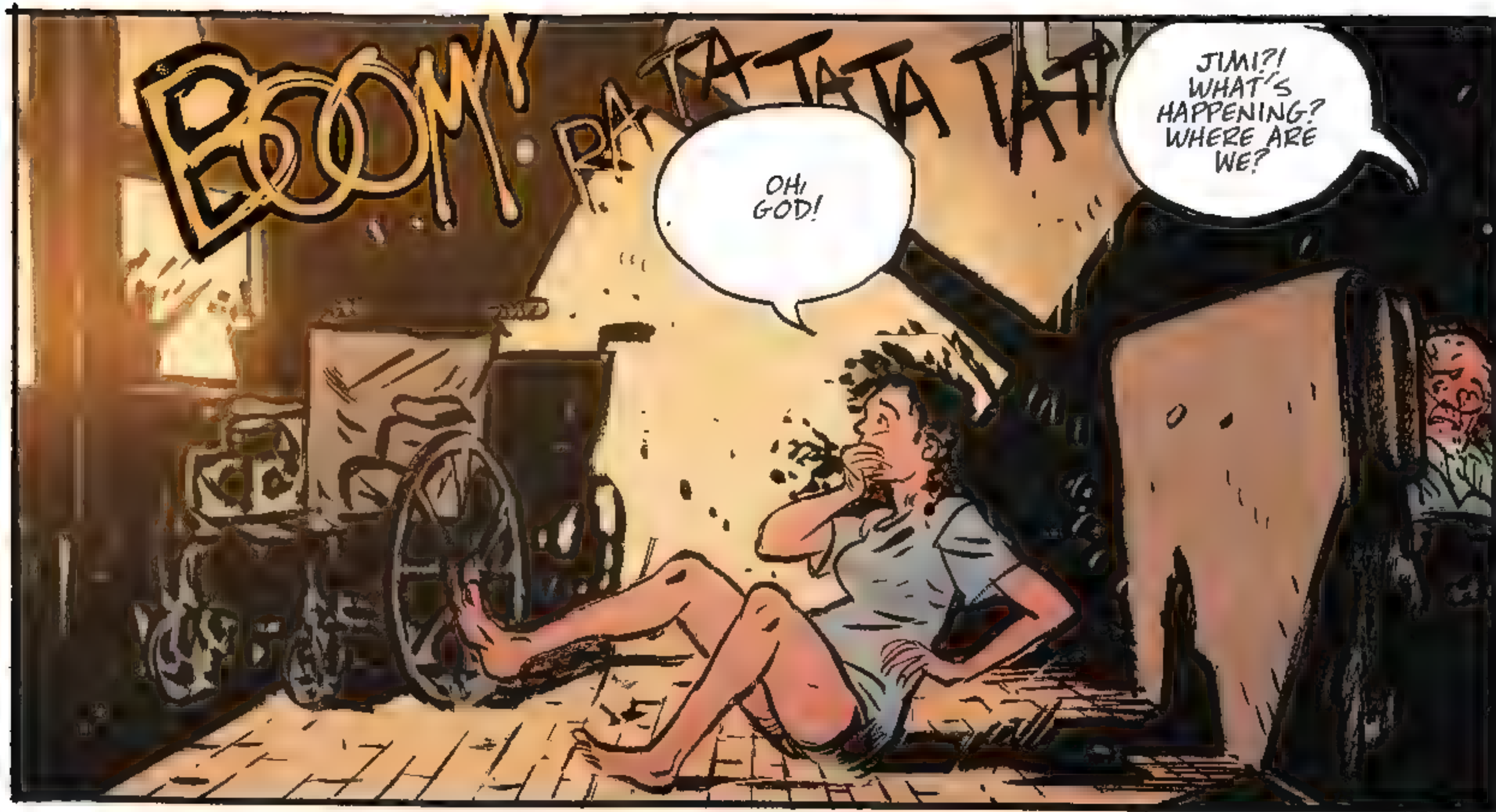
WHAT?

PLEASE
CALMLY
PROCEED TO
THE NEAREST
SAFETY
ZONE!

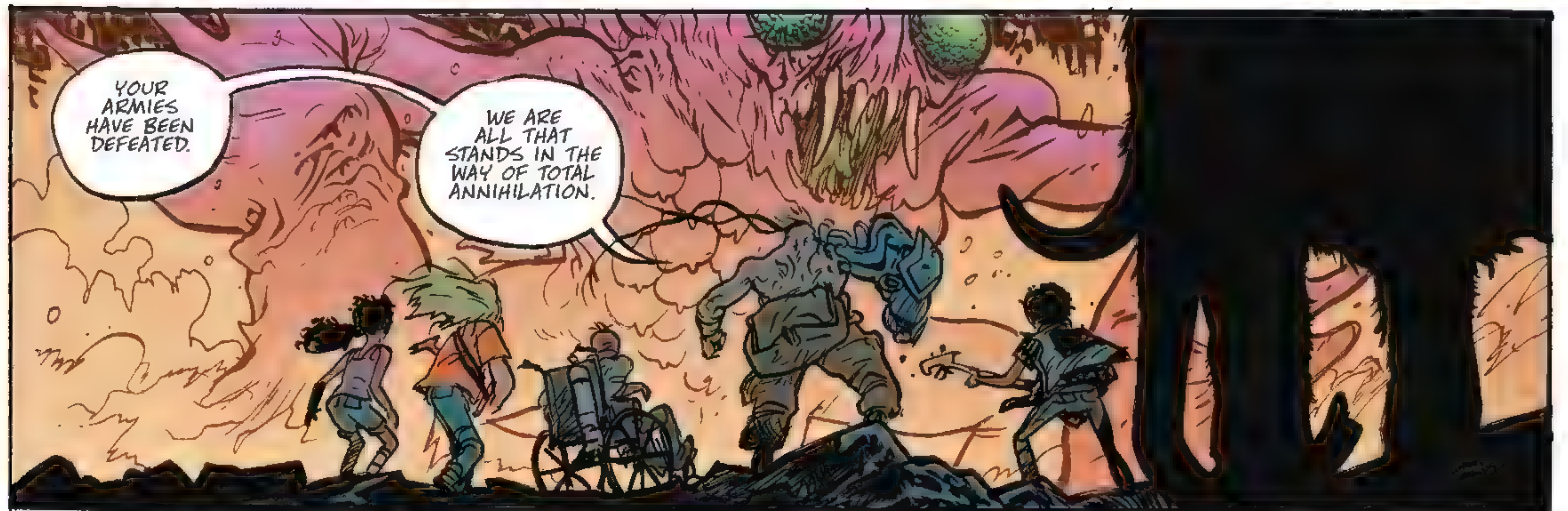
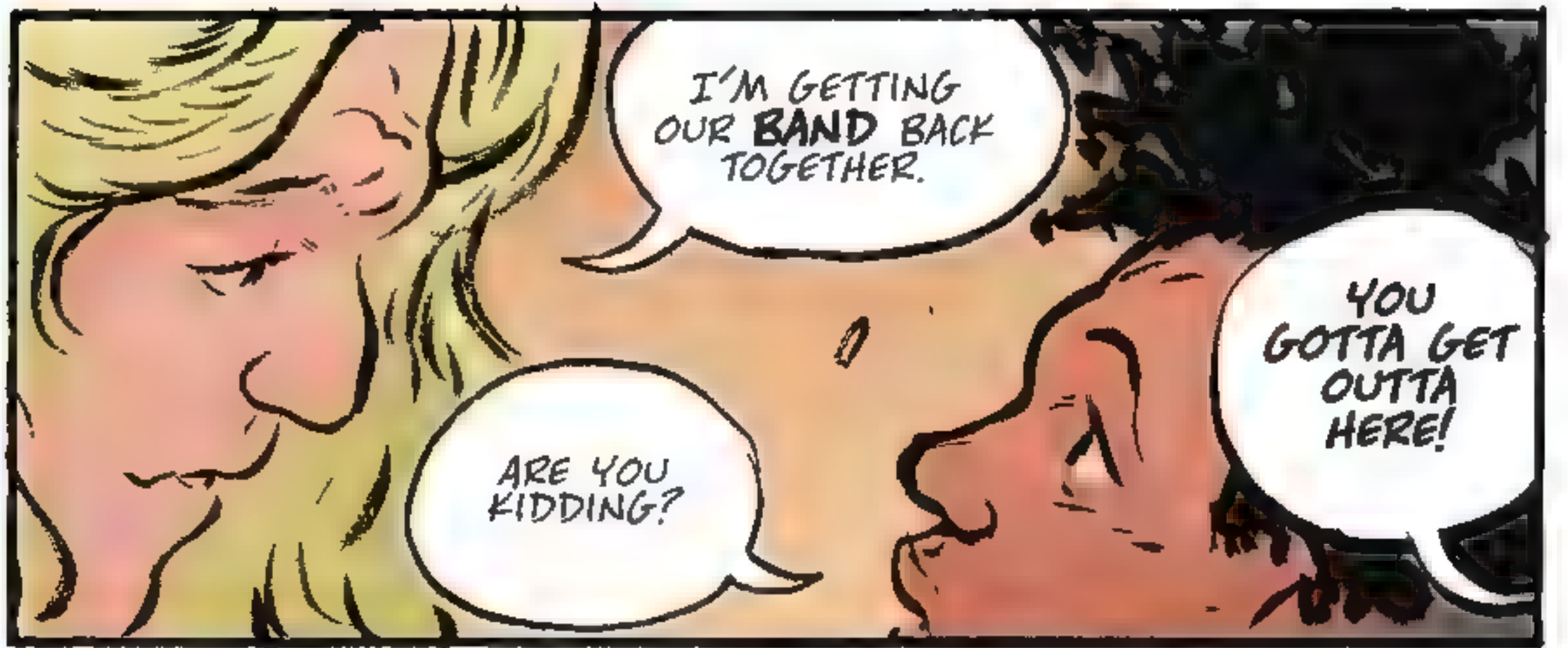
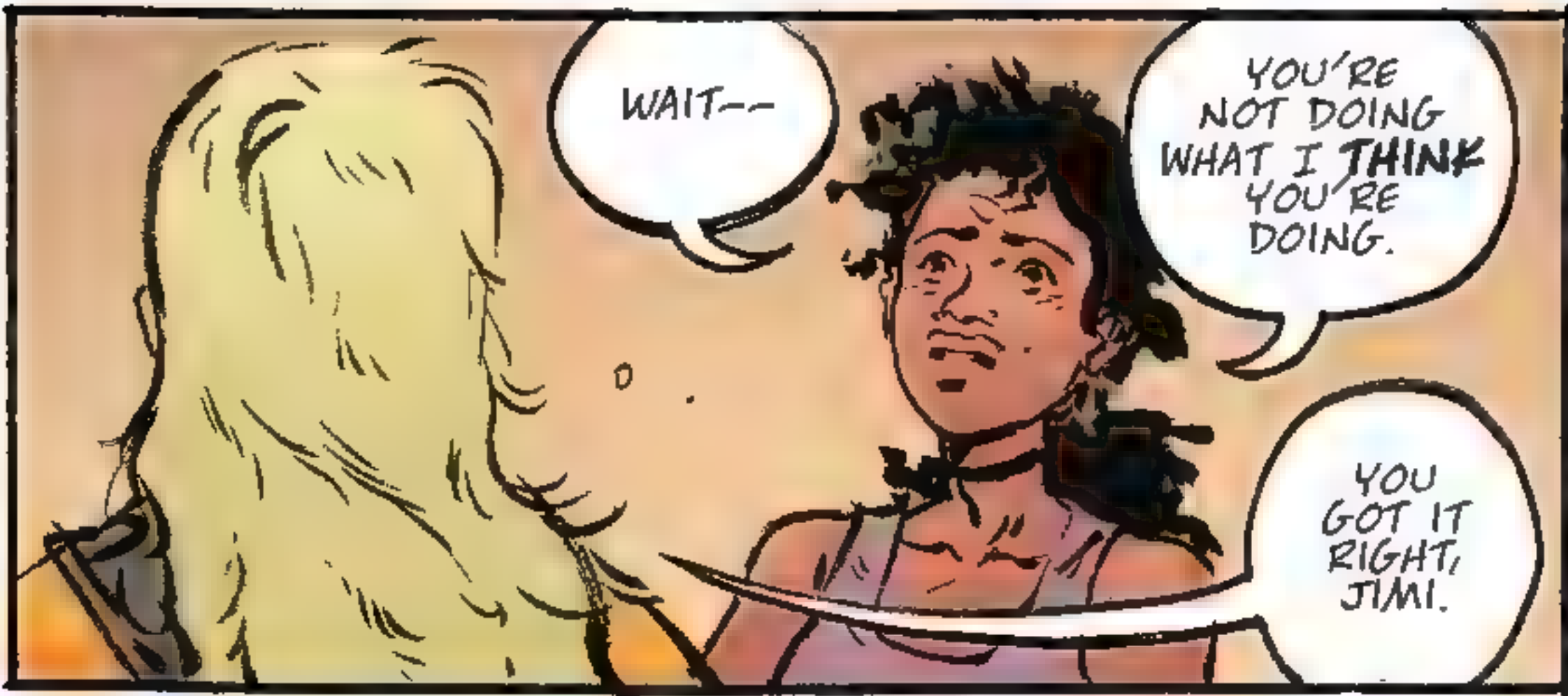
SARGE!
IT'S RIGHT
ON TOP
OF US!

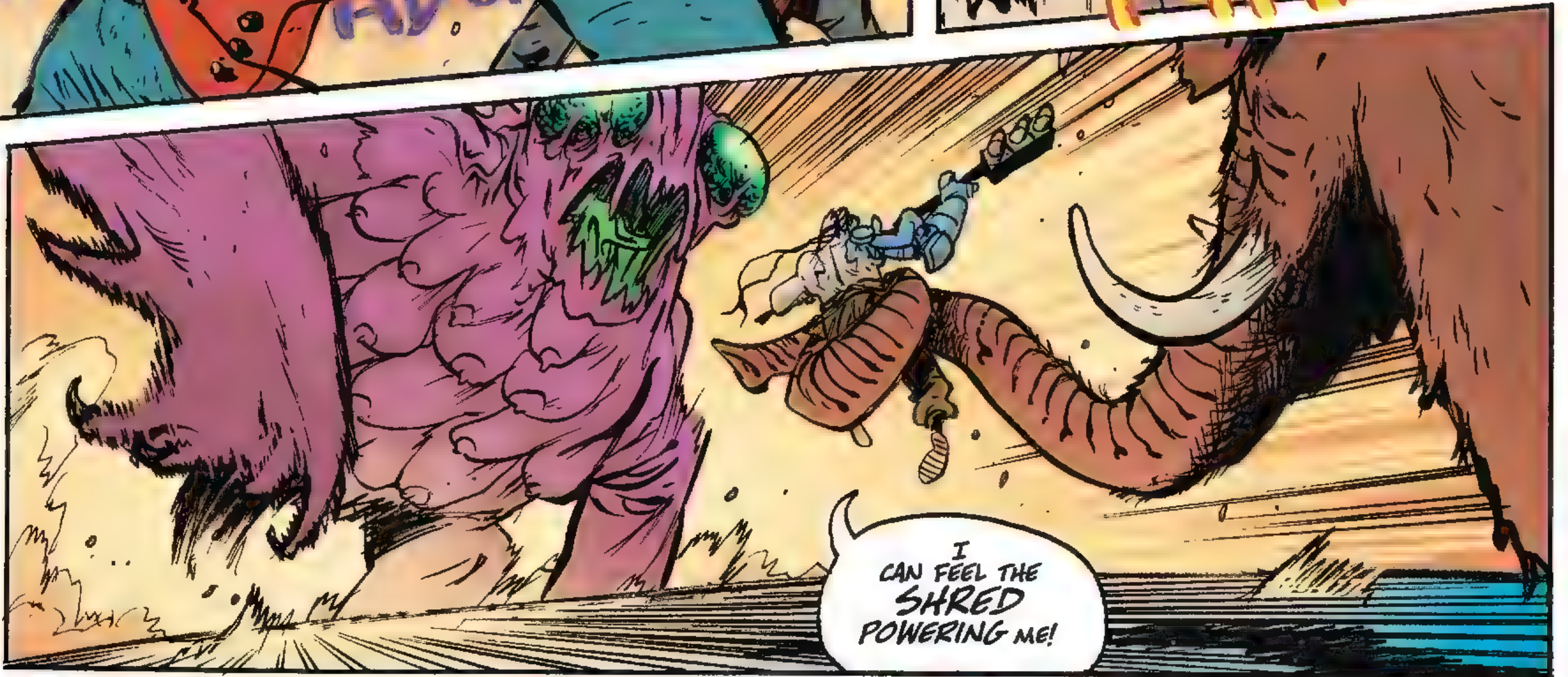
GOOD
GOD!

OPEN
FIRE!
OPEN
FIRE!







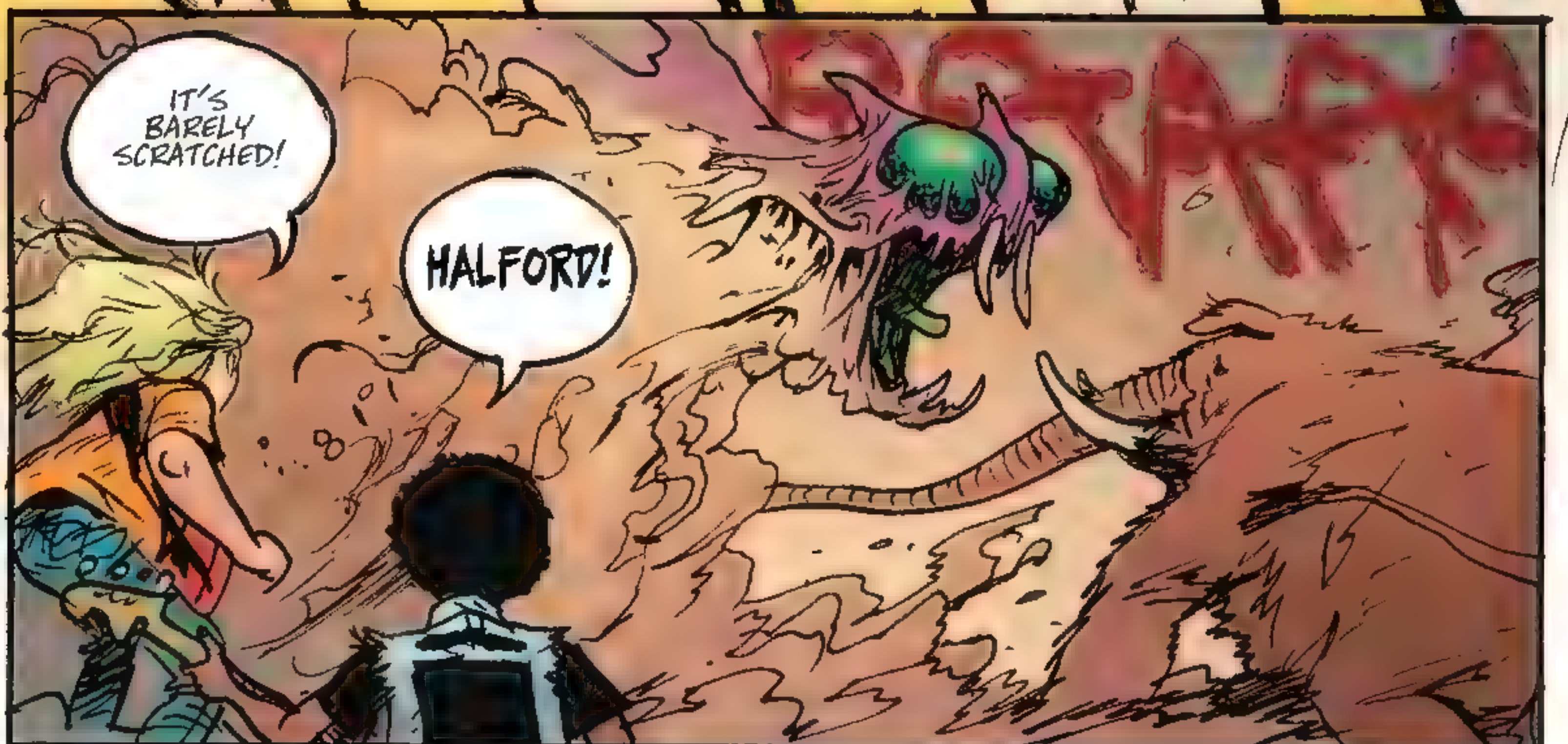




I'M PUTTING
THE BRAKES
ON YOUR REIGN
OF TERROR!

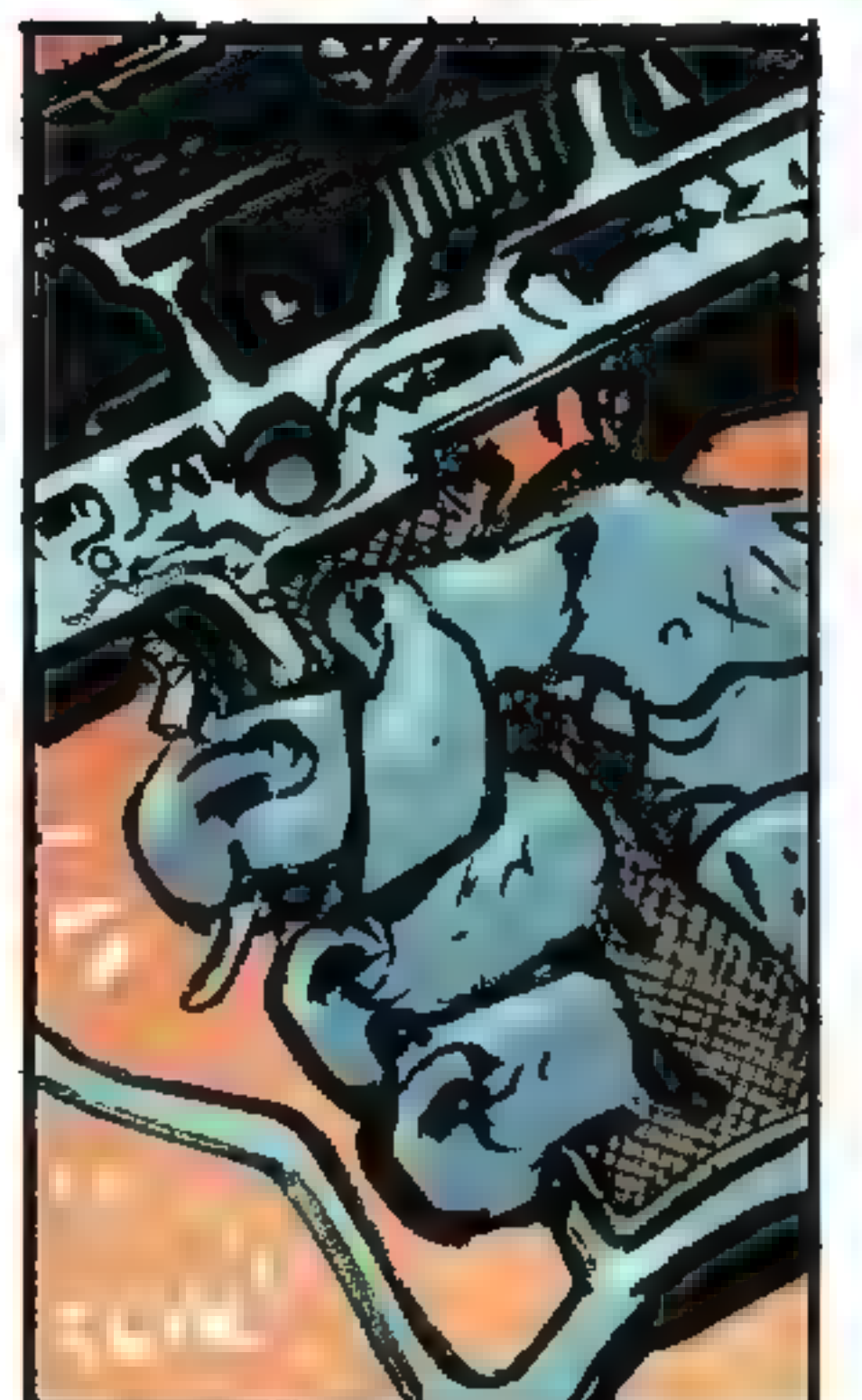
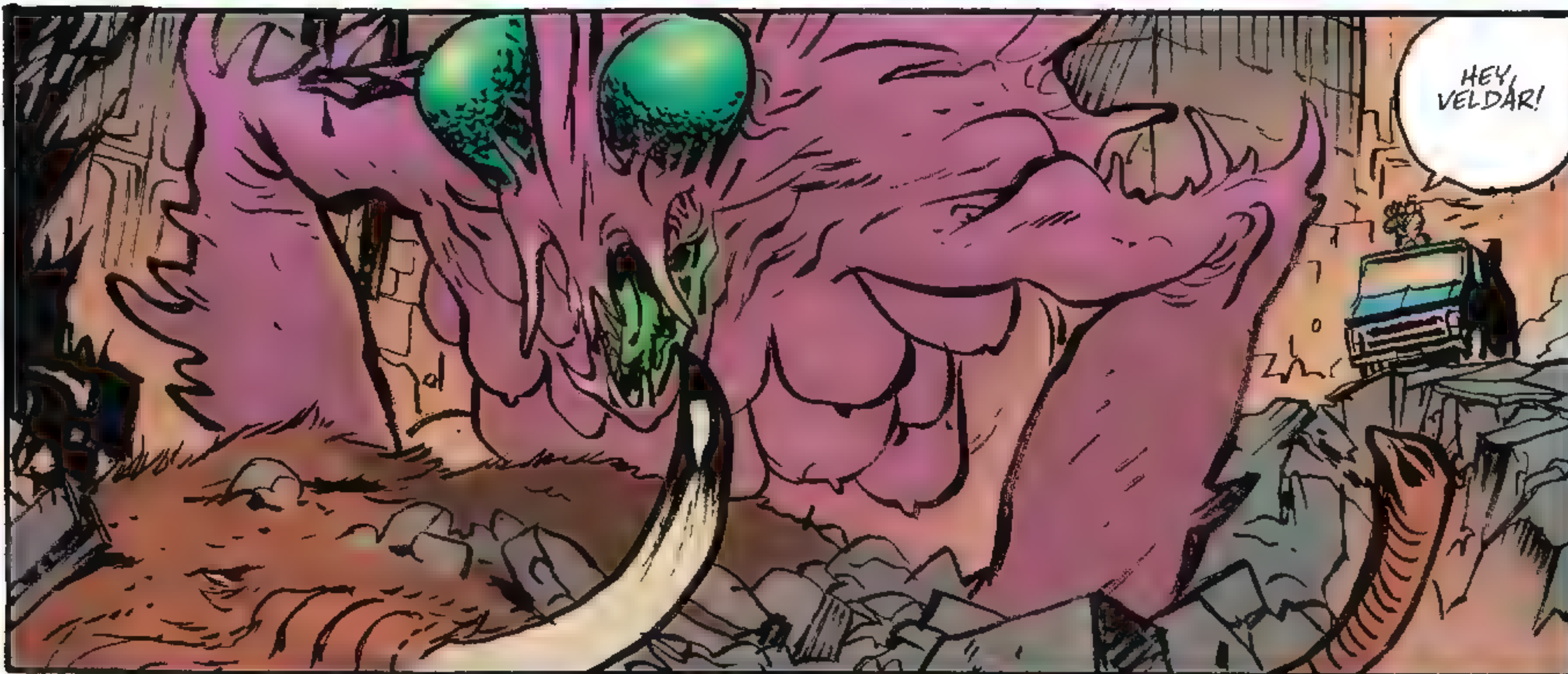
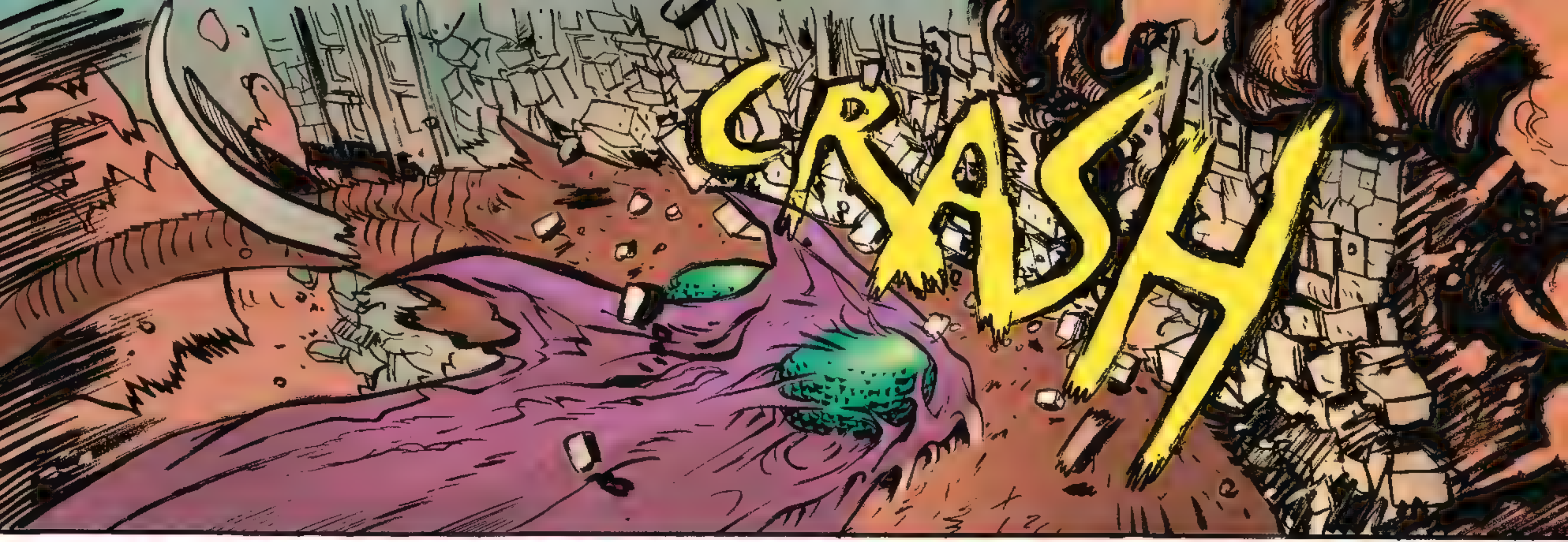


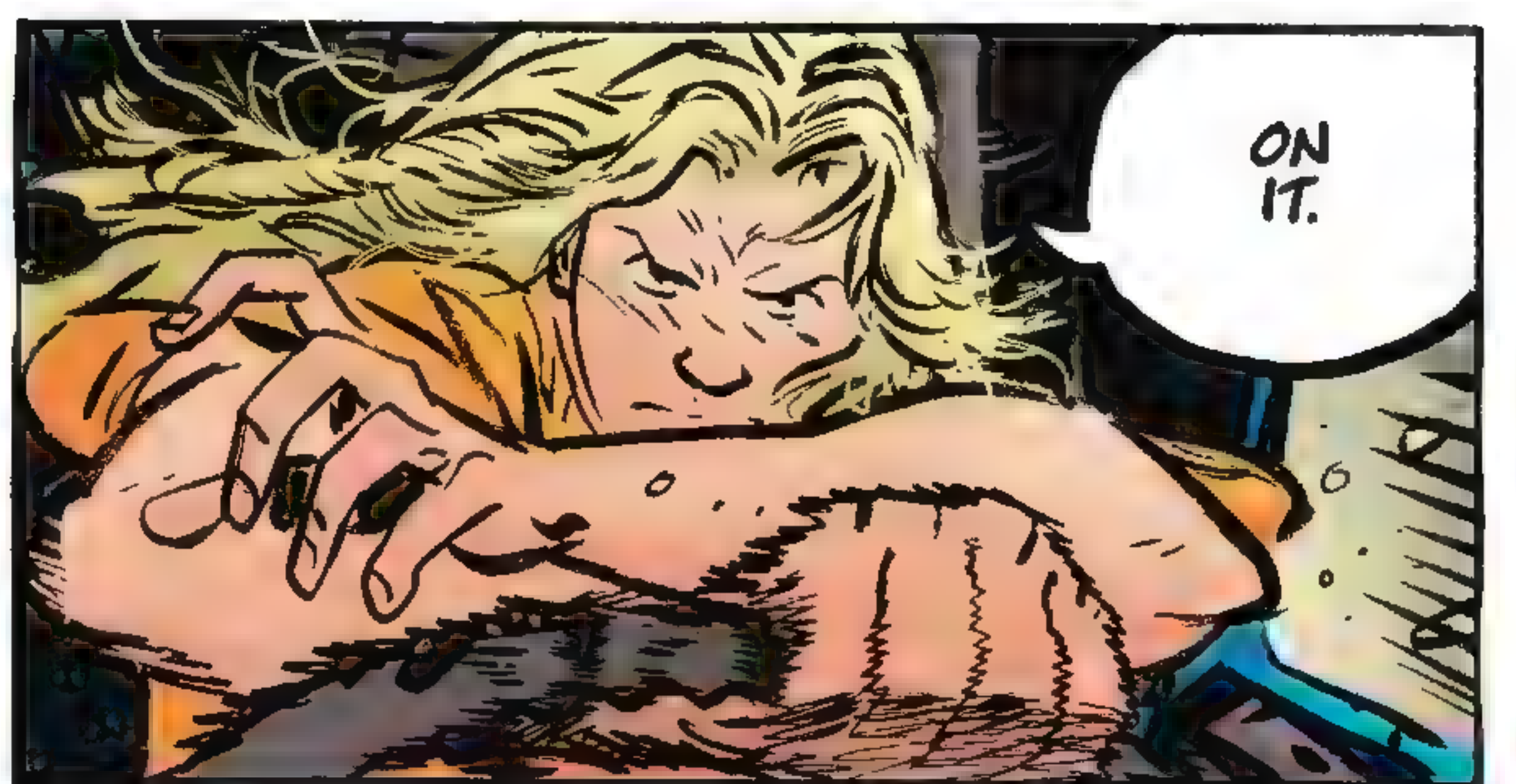
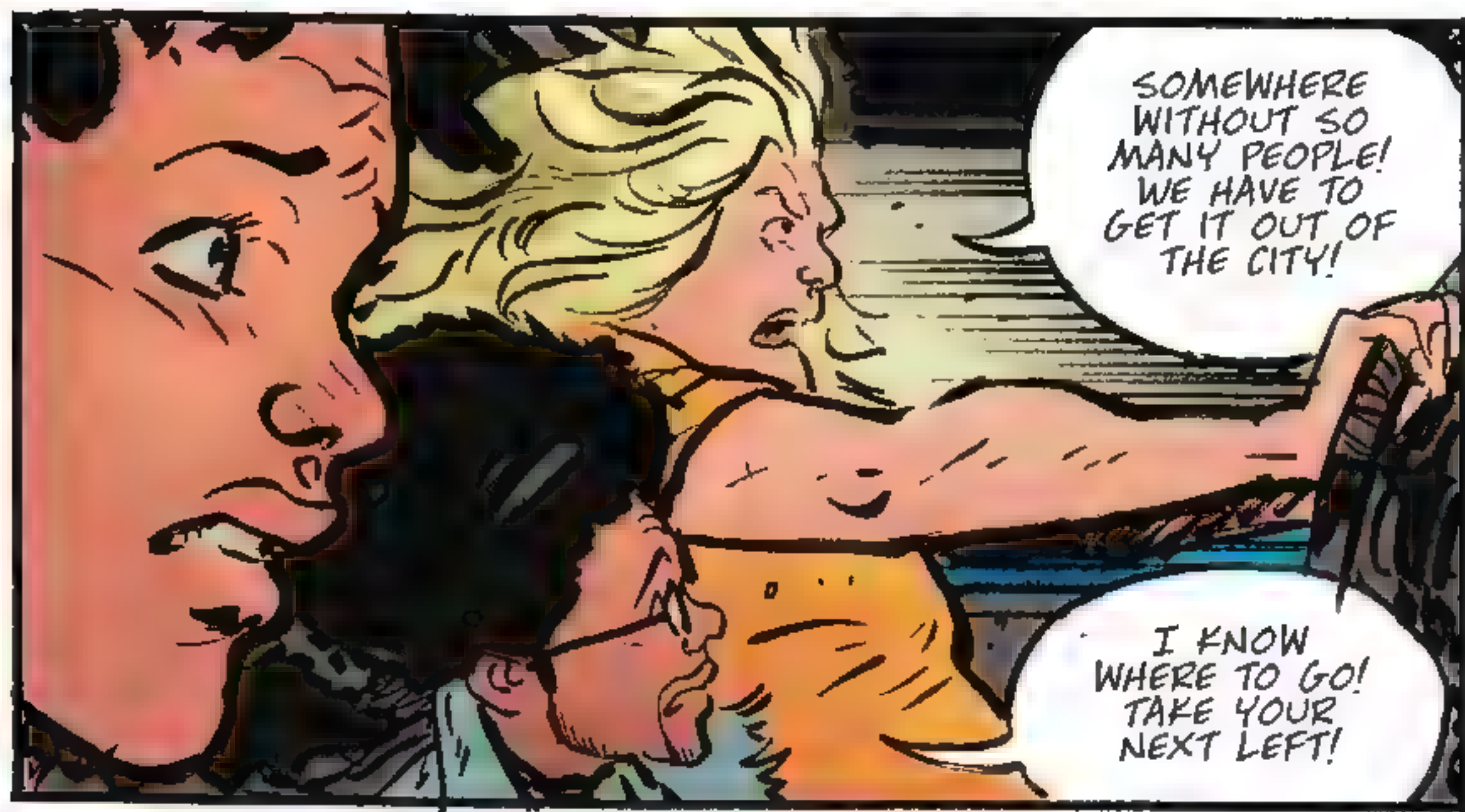
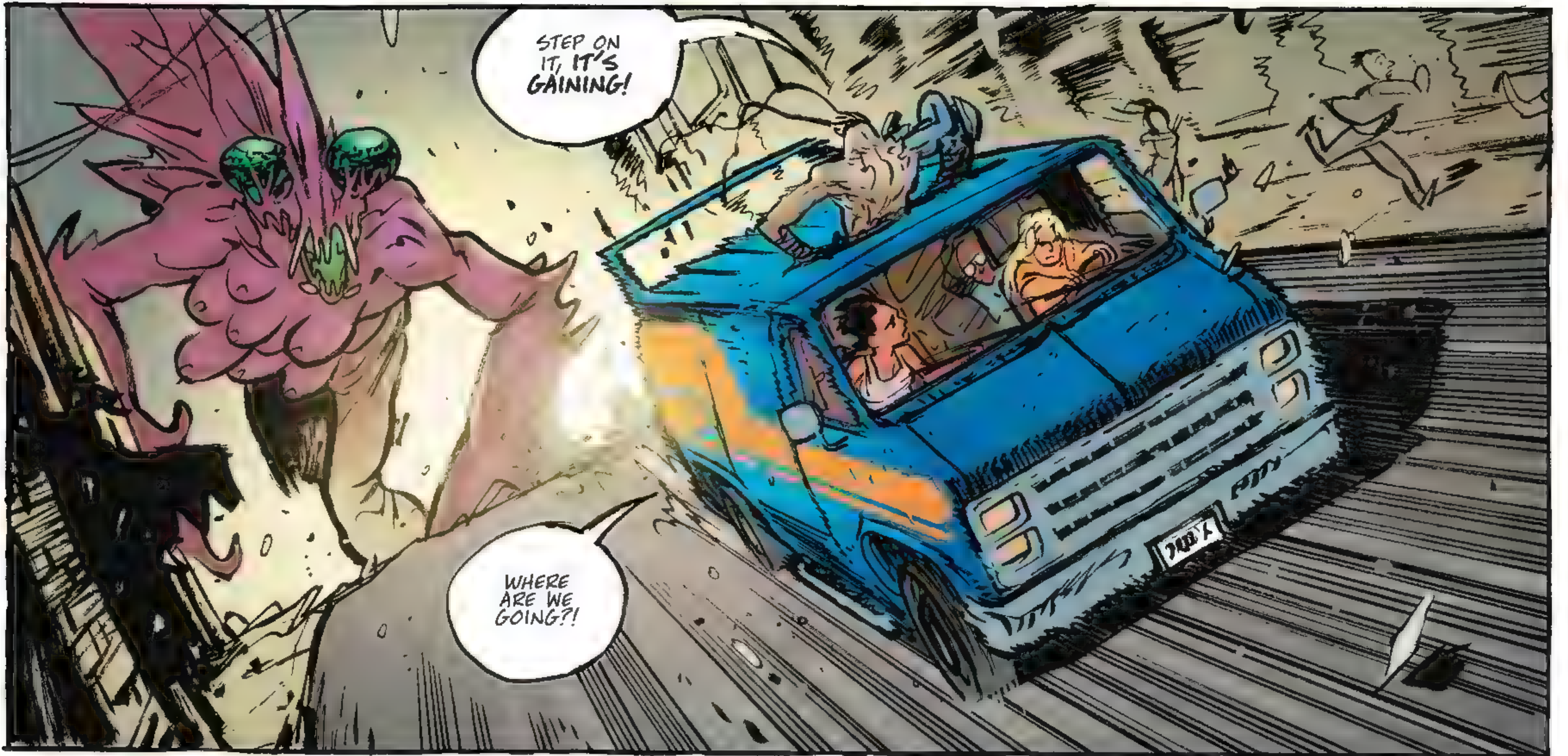
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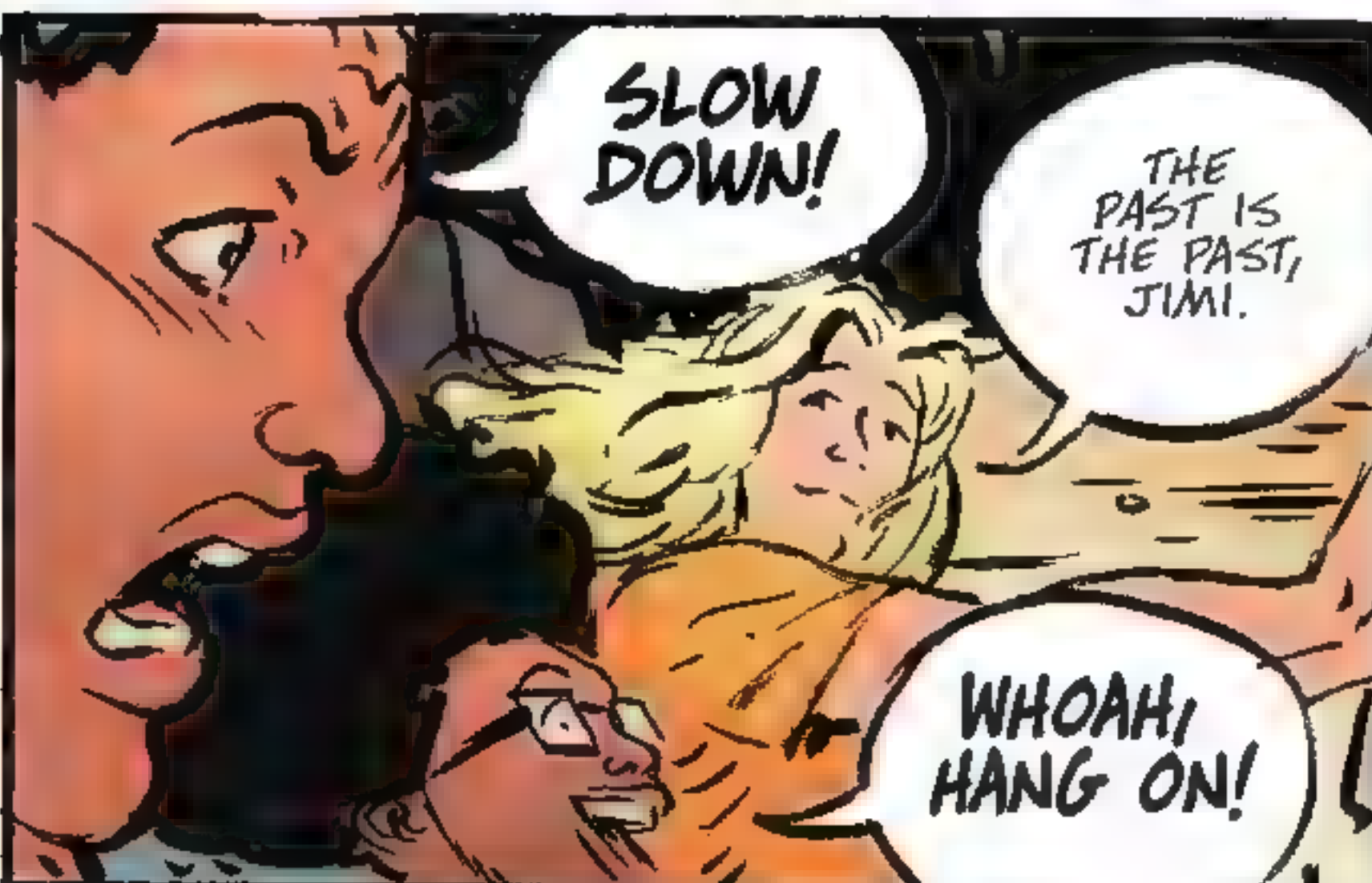
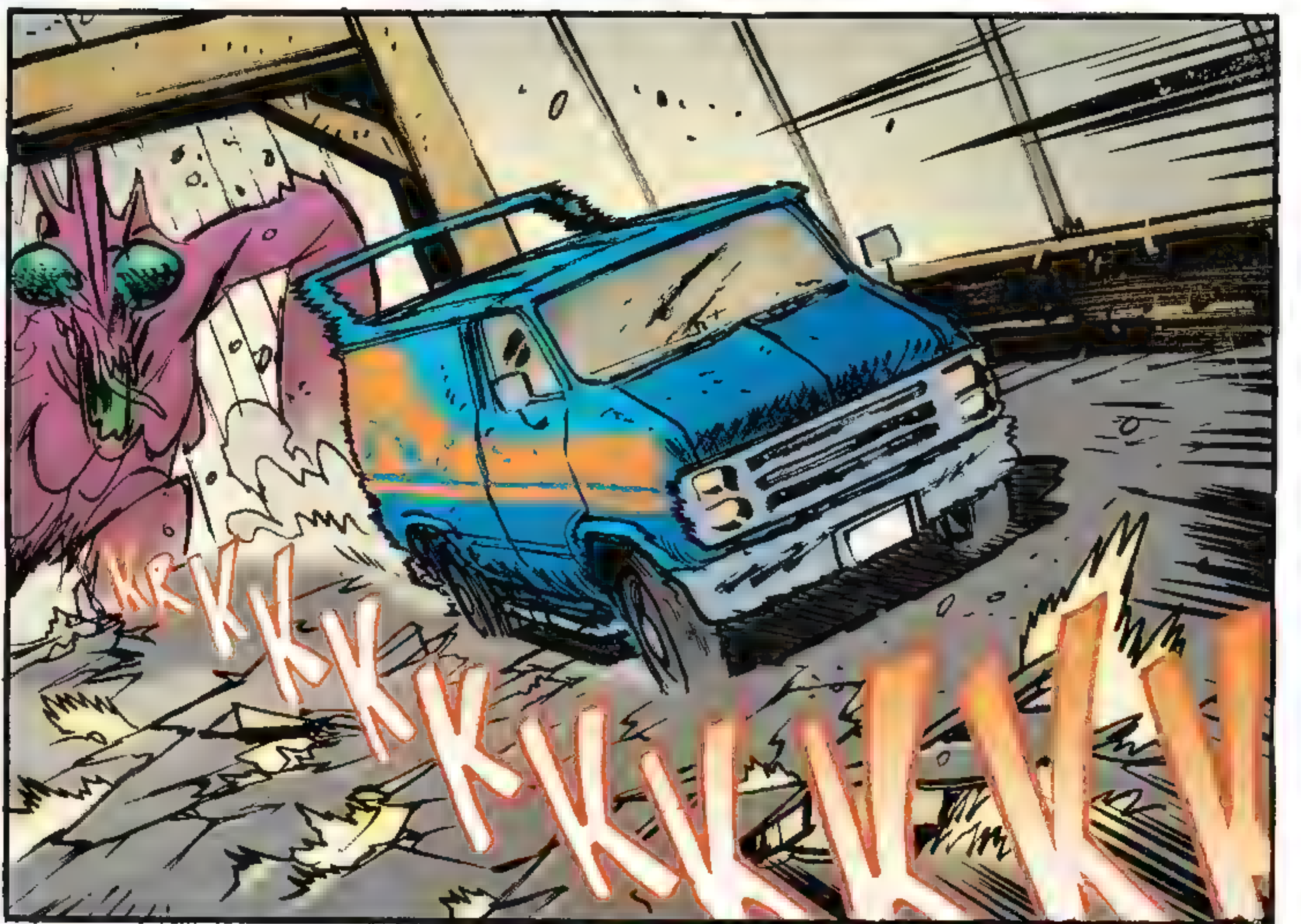
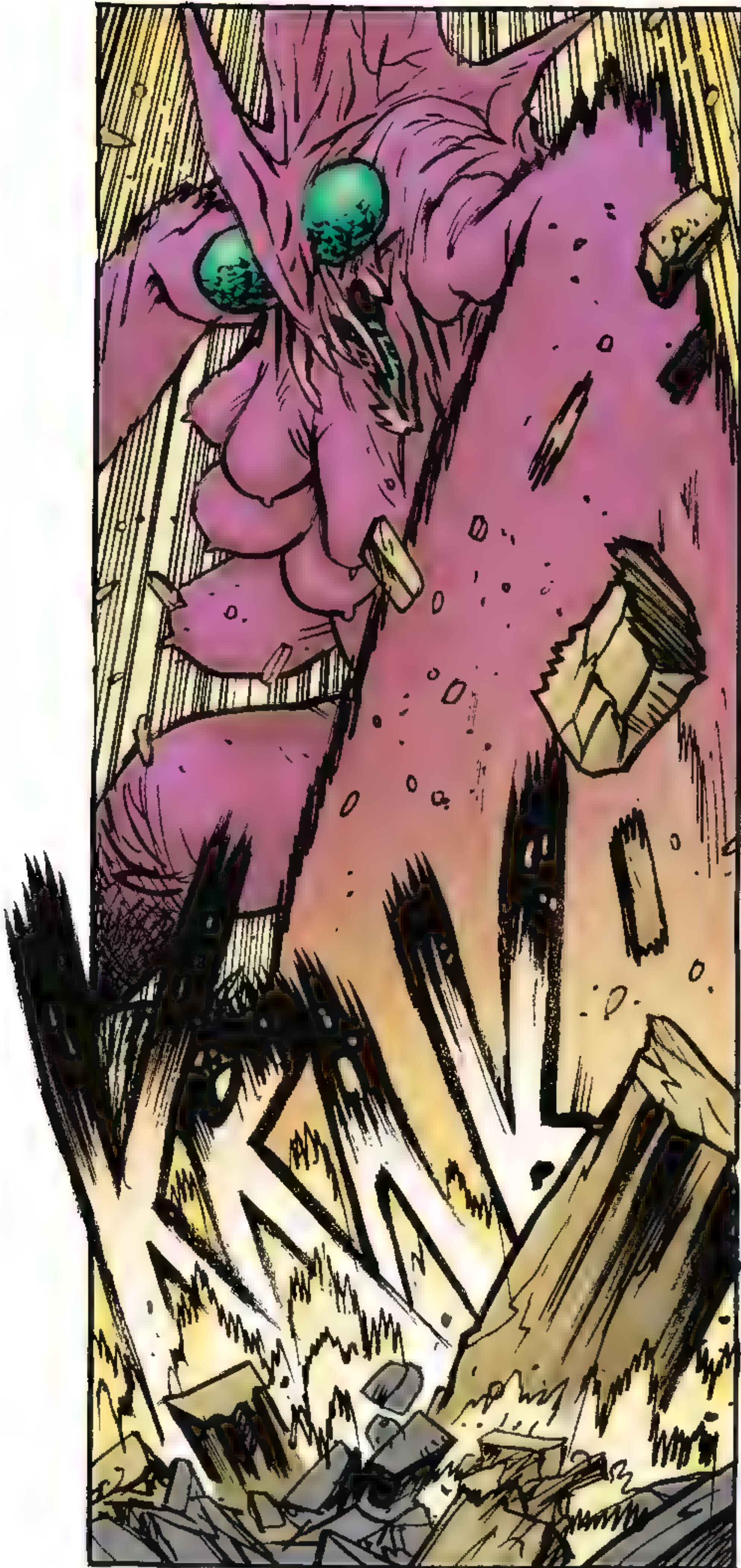
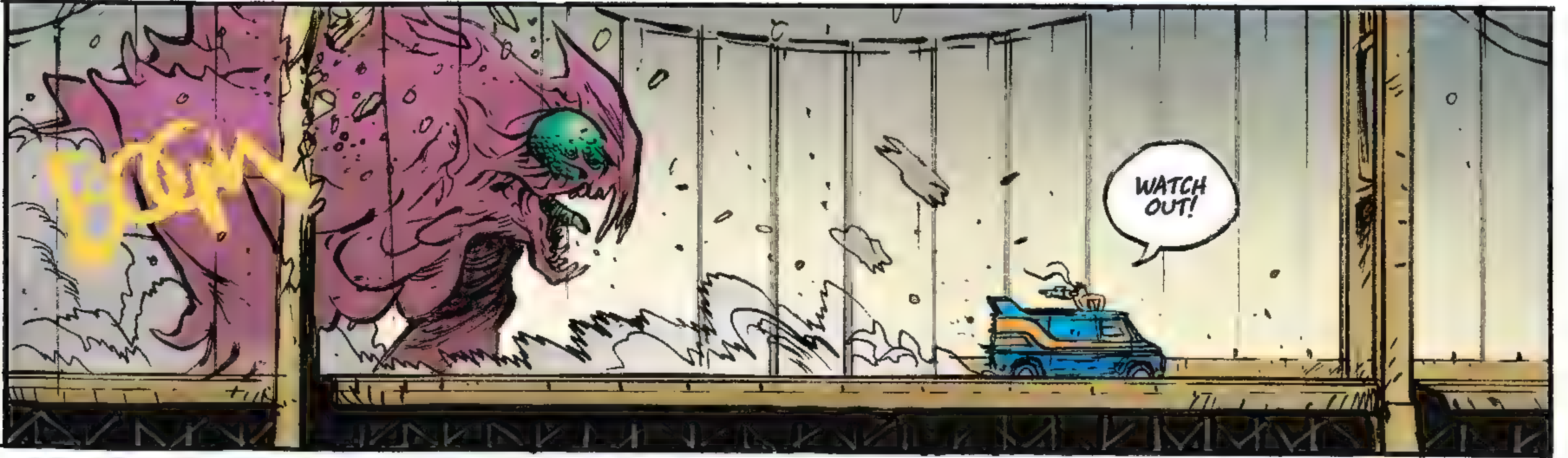
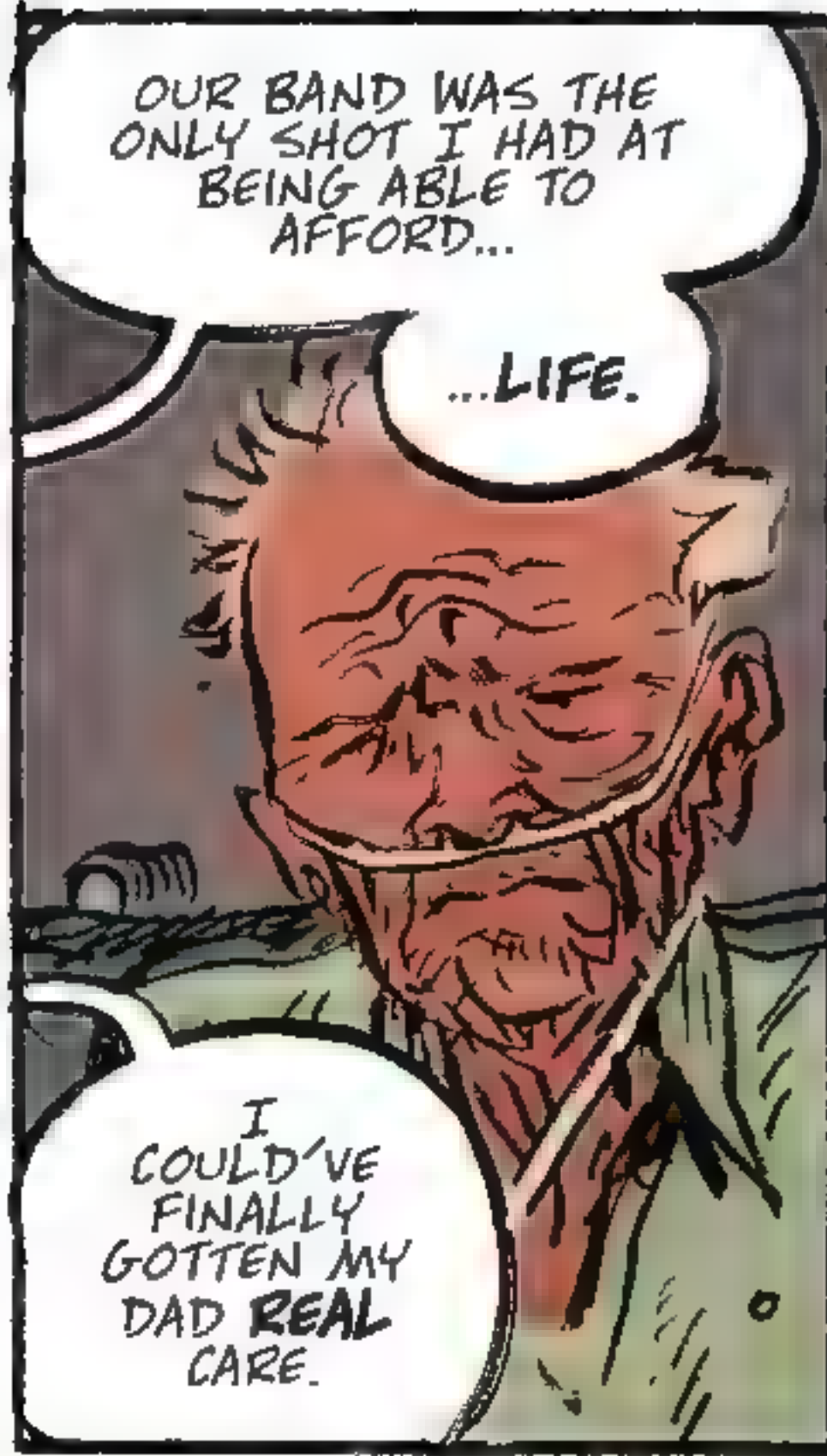
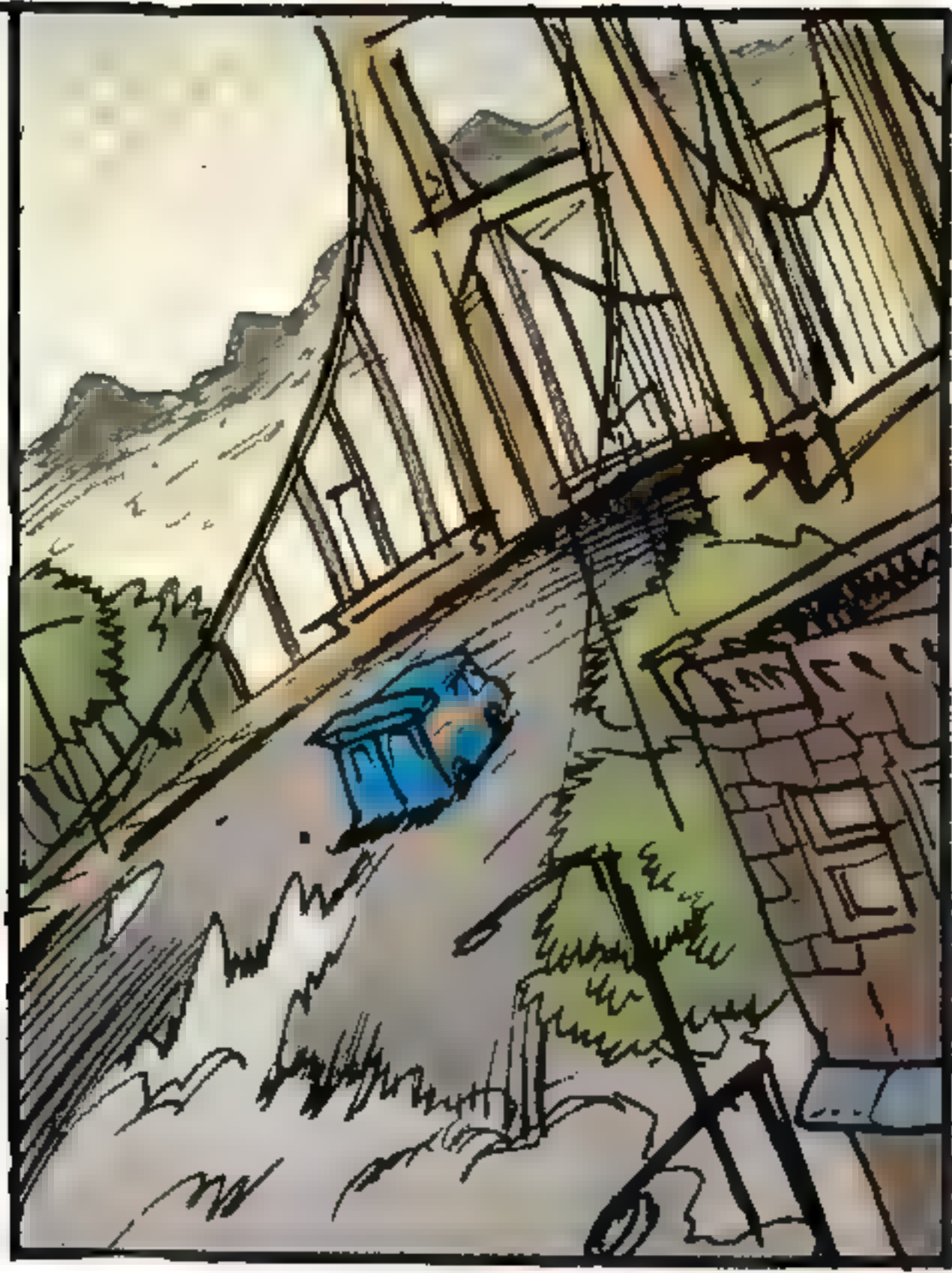


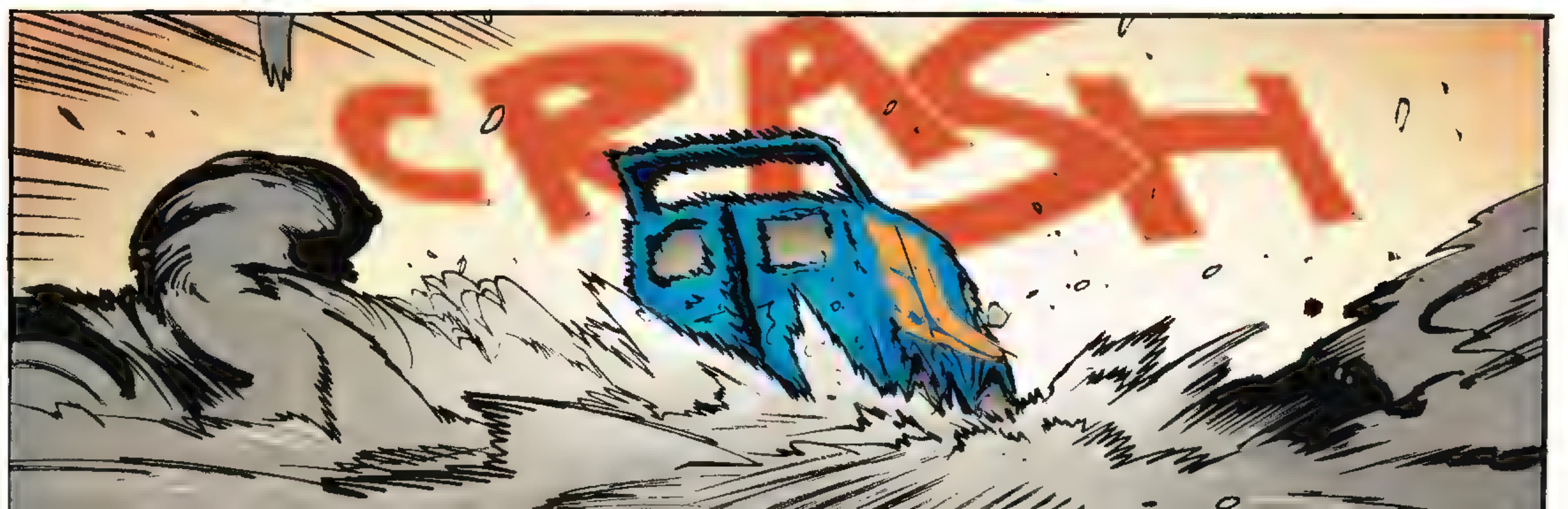
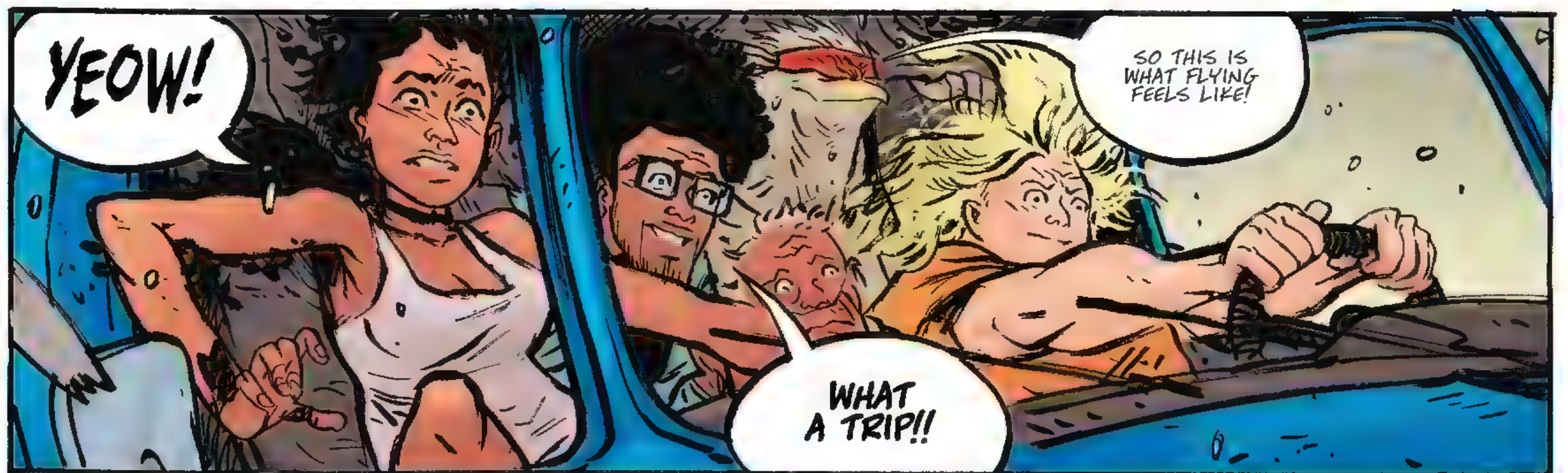
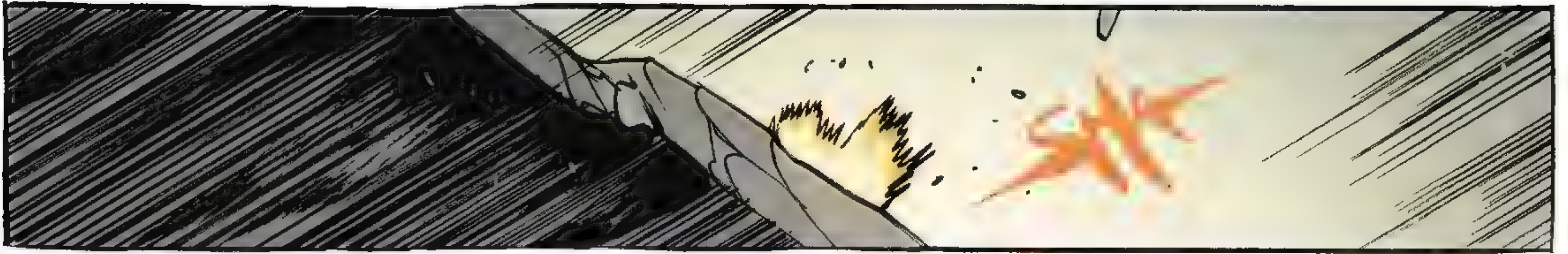
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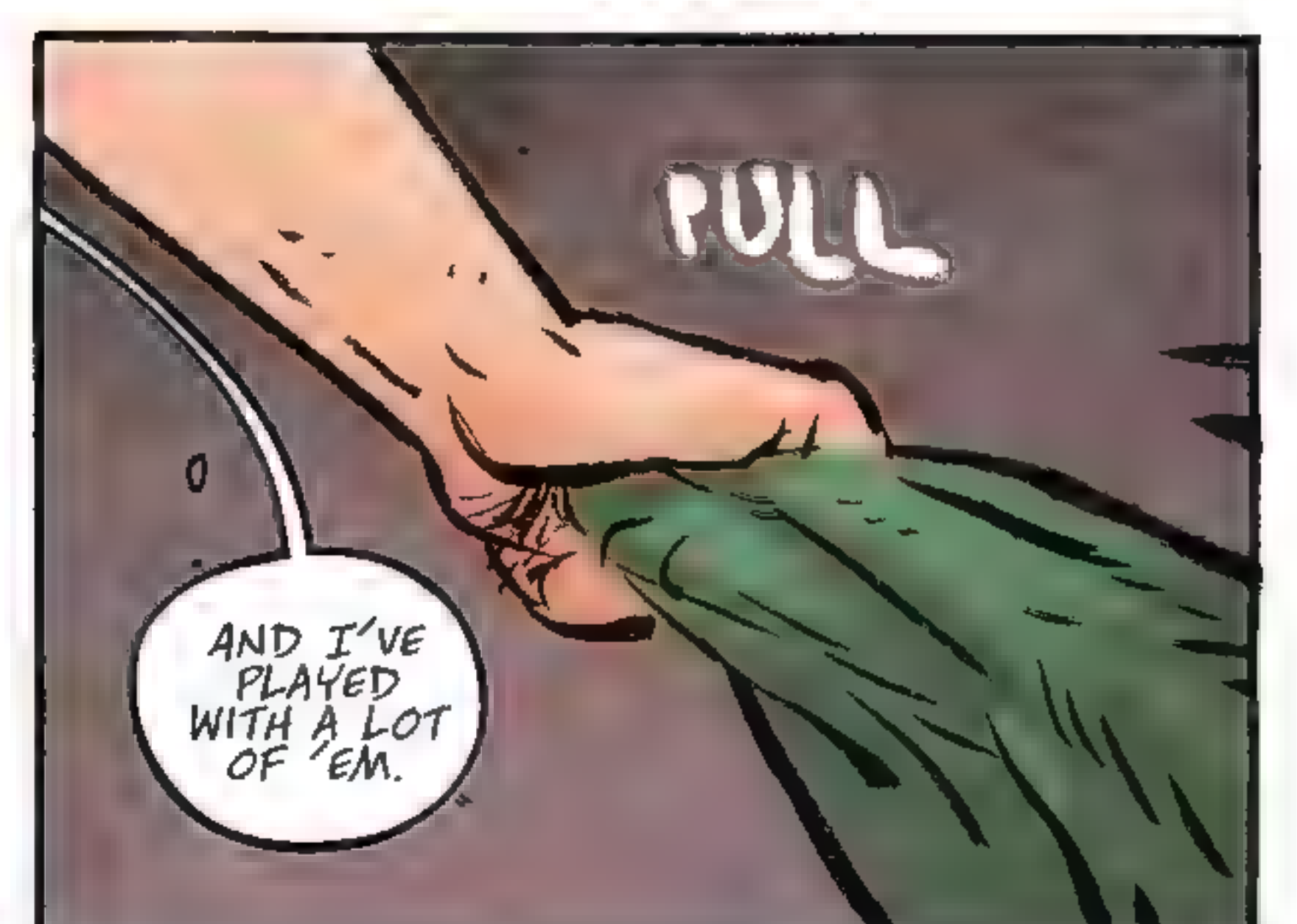
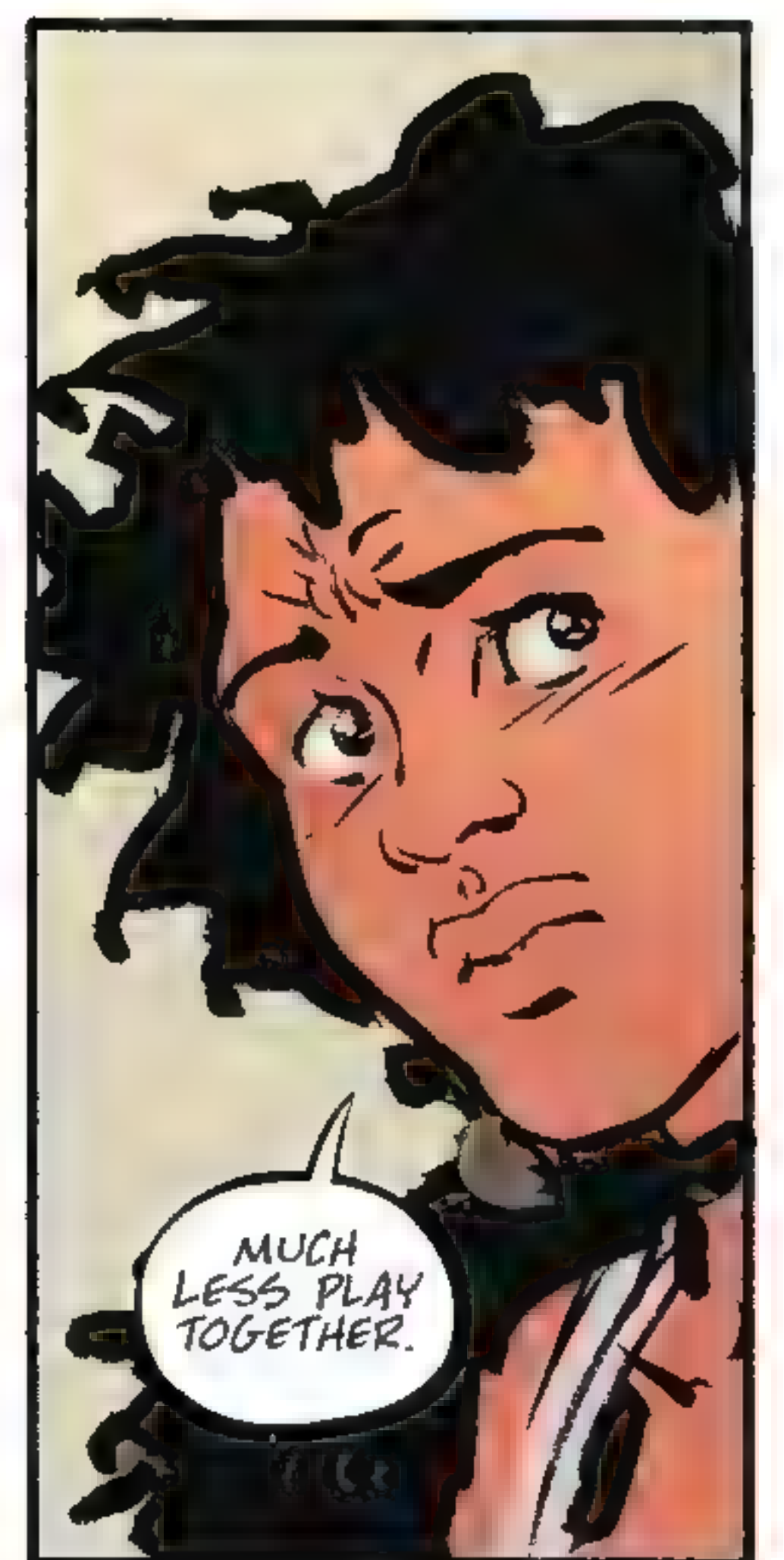
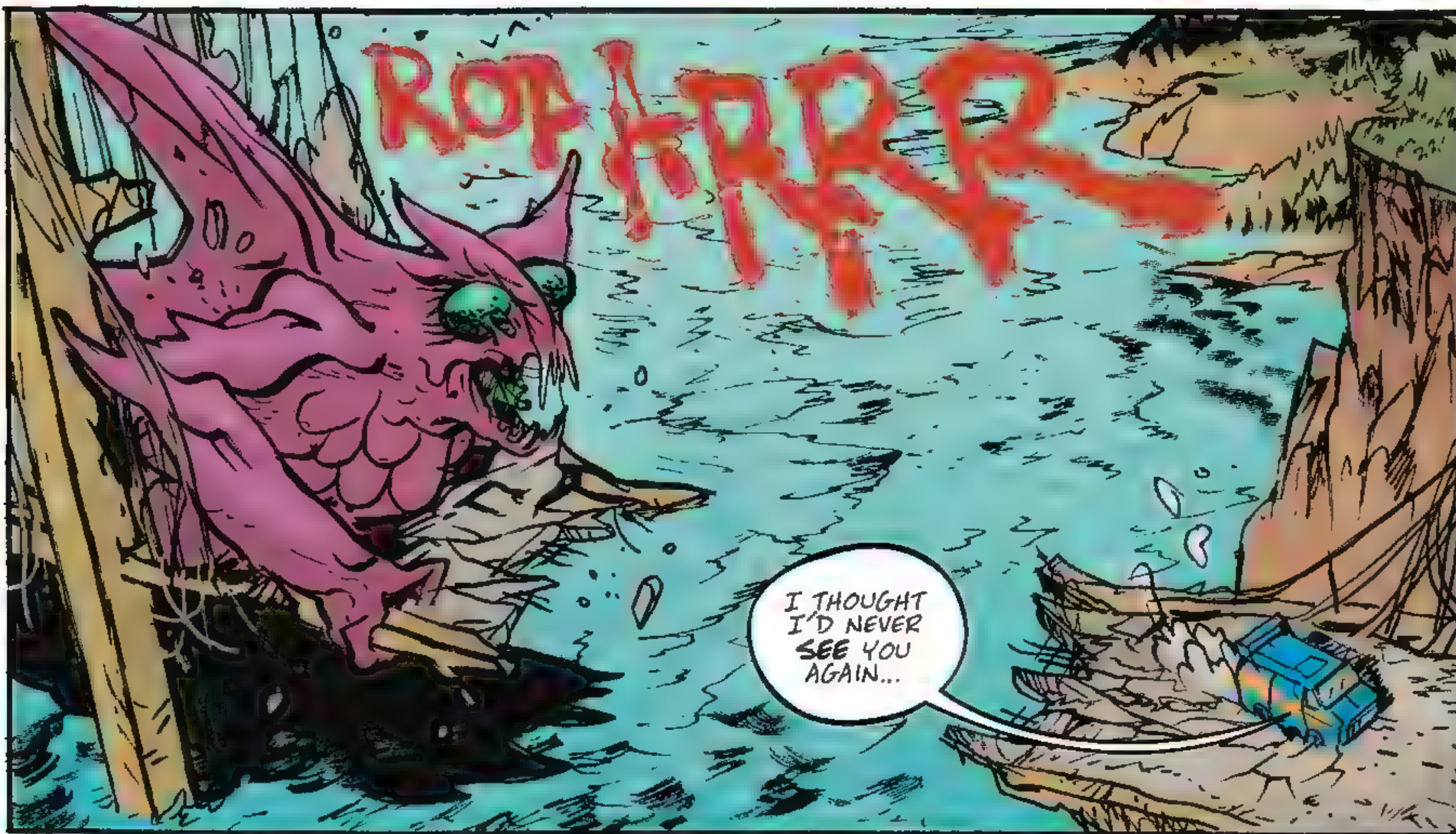
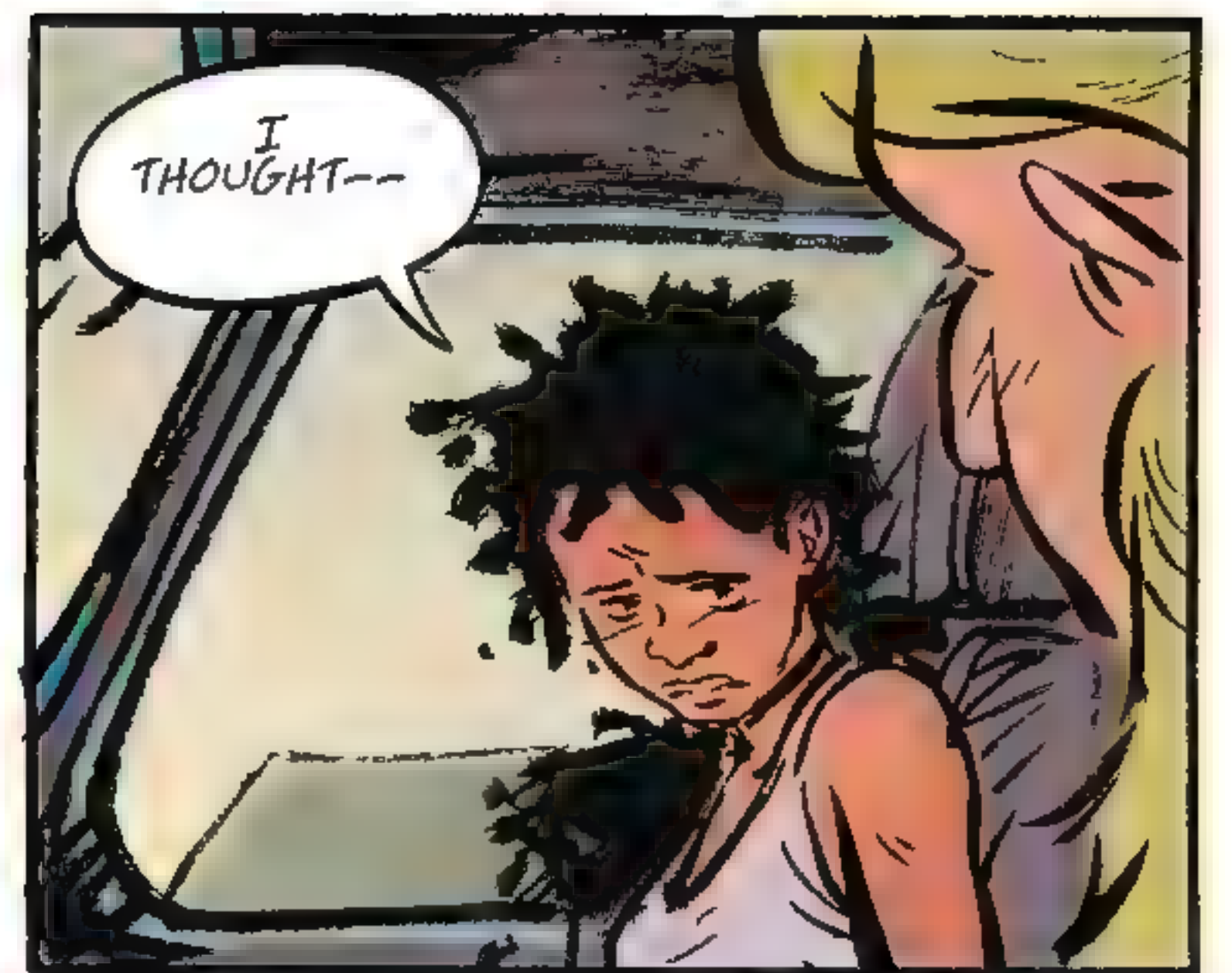
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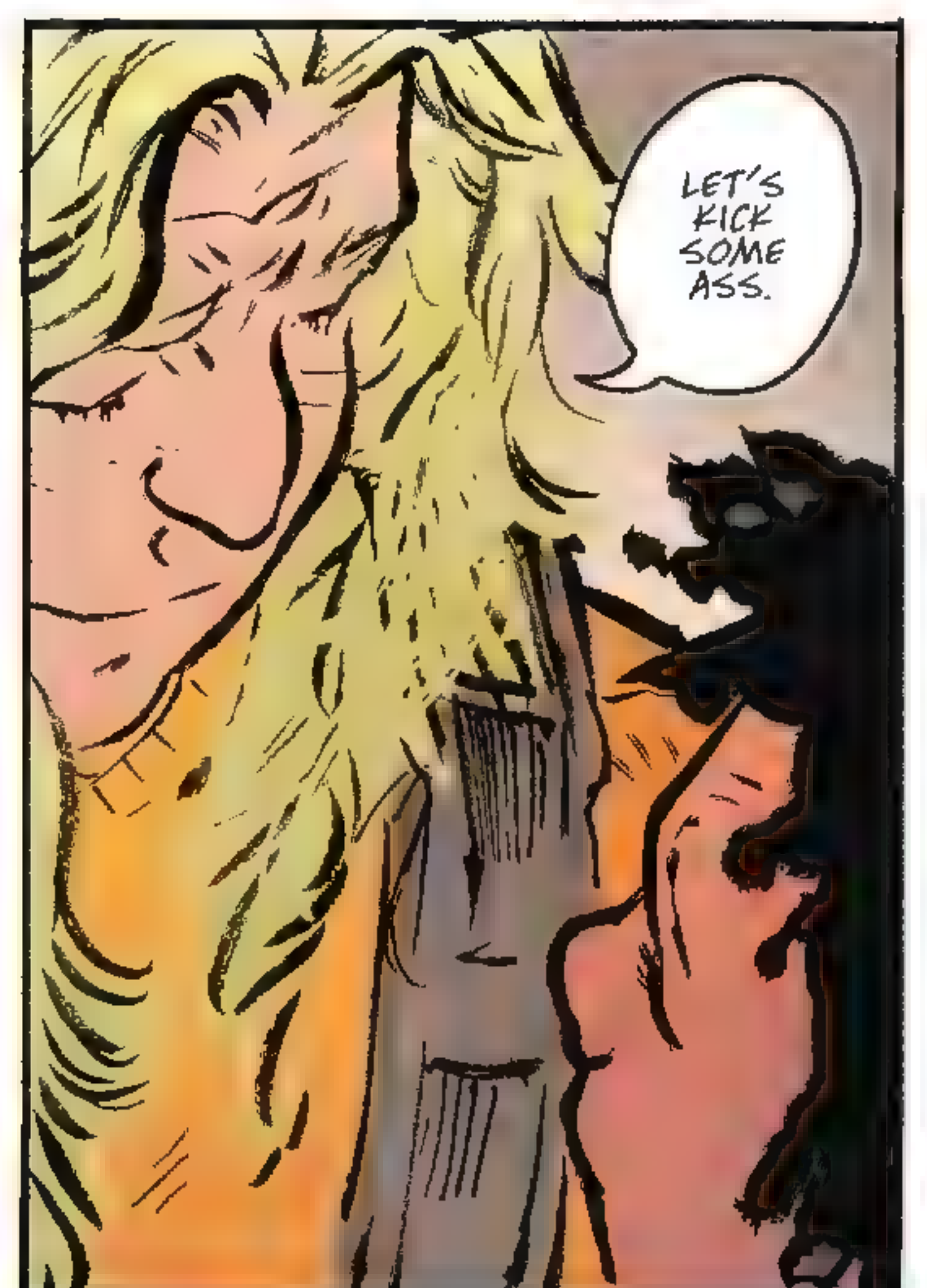
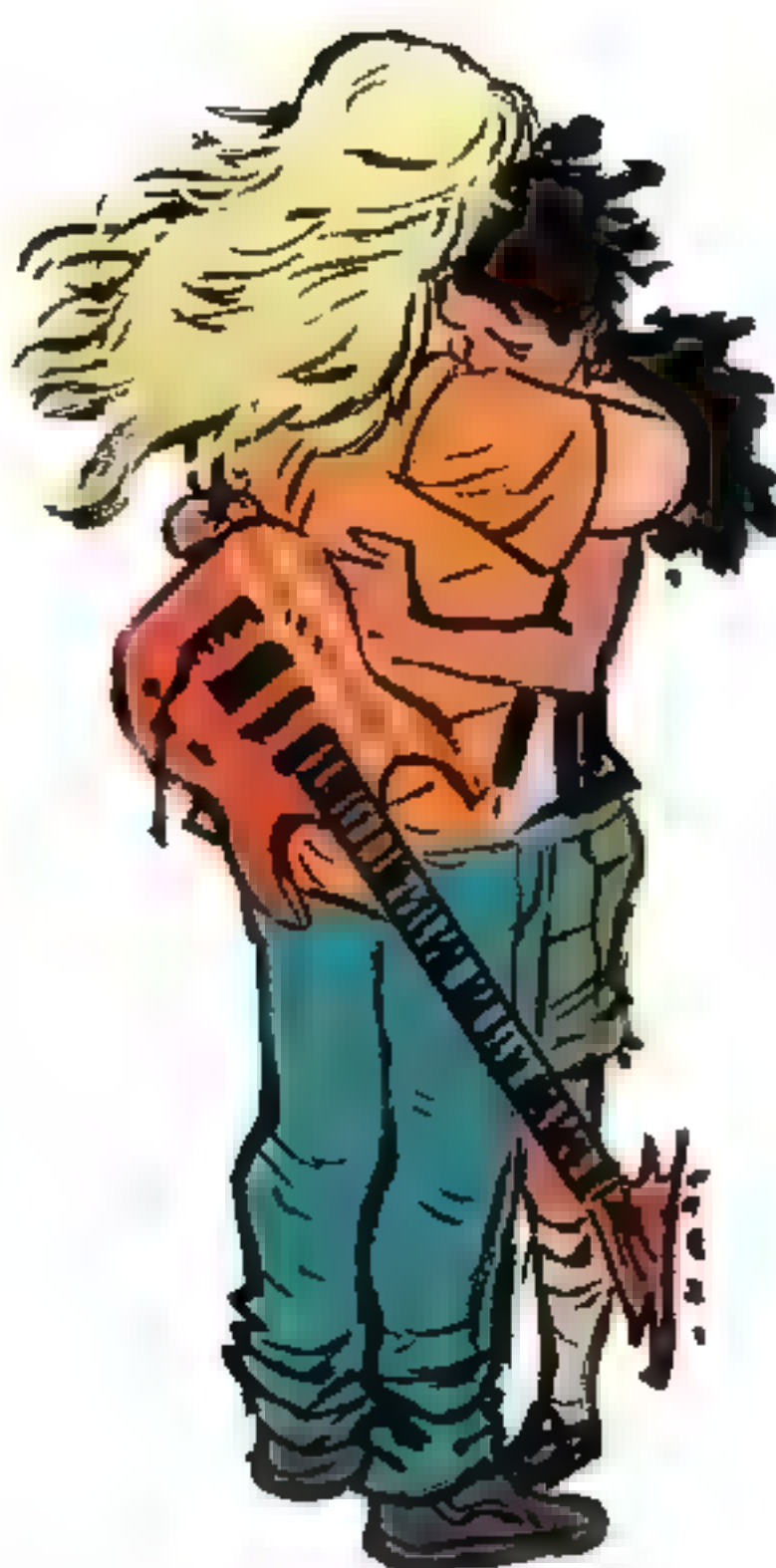
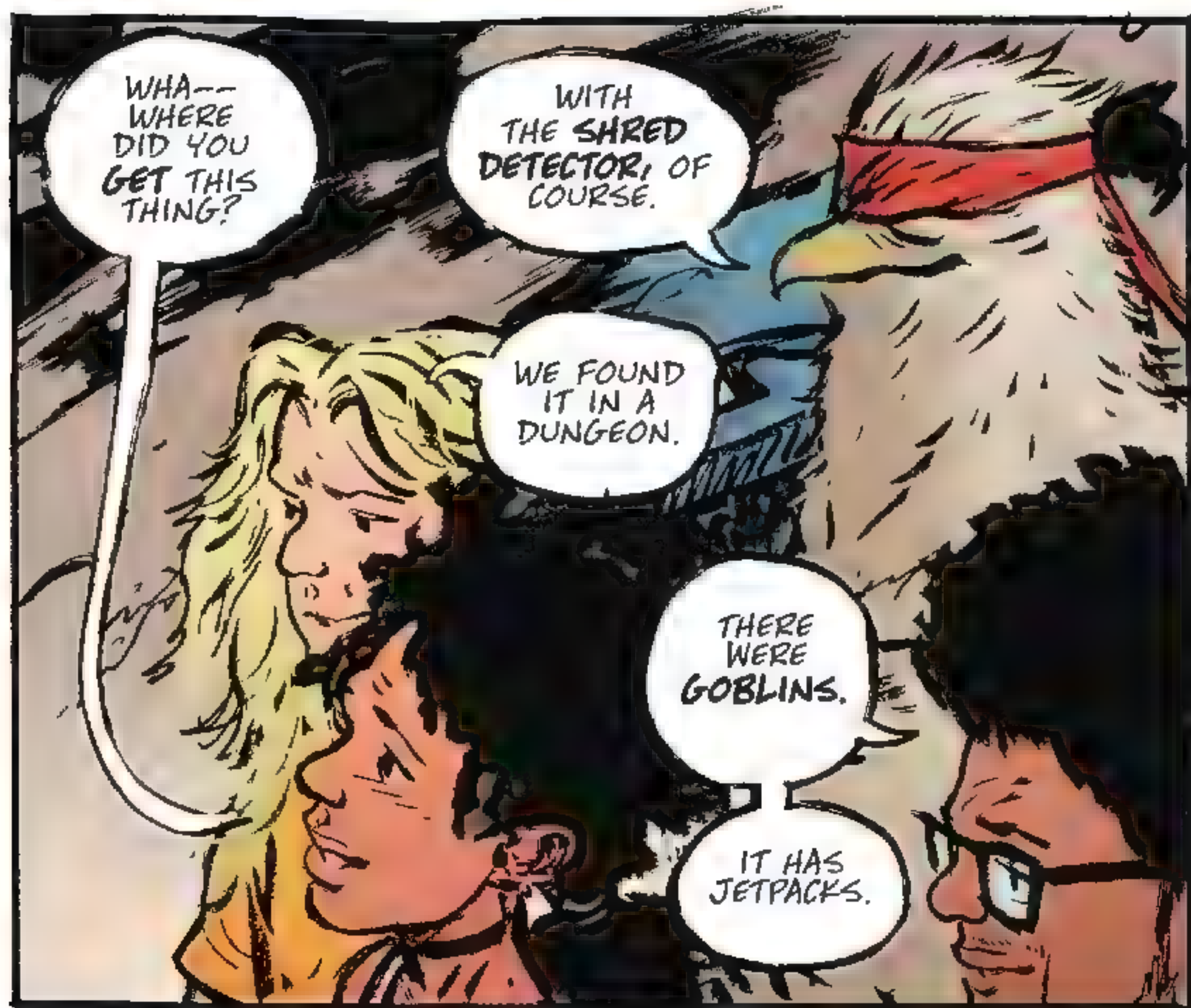
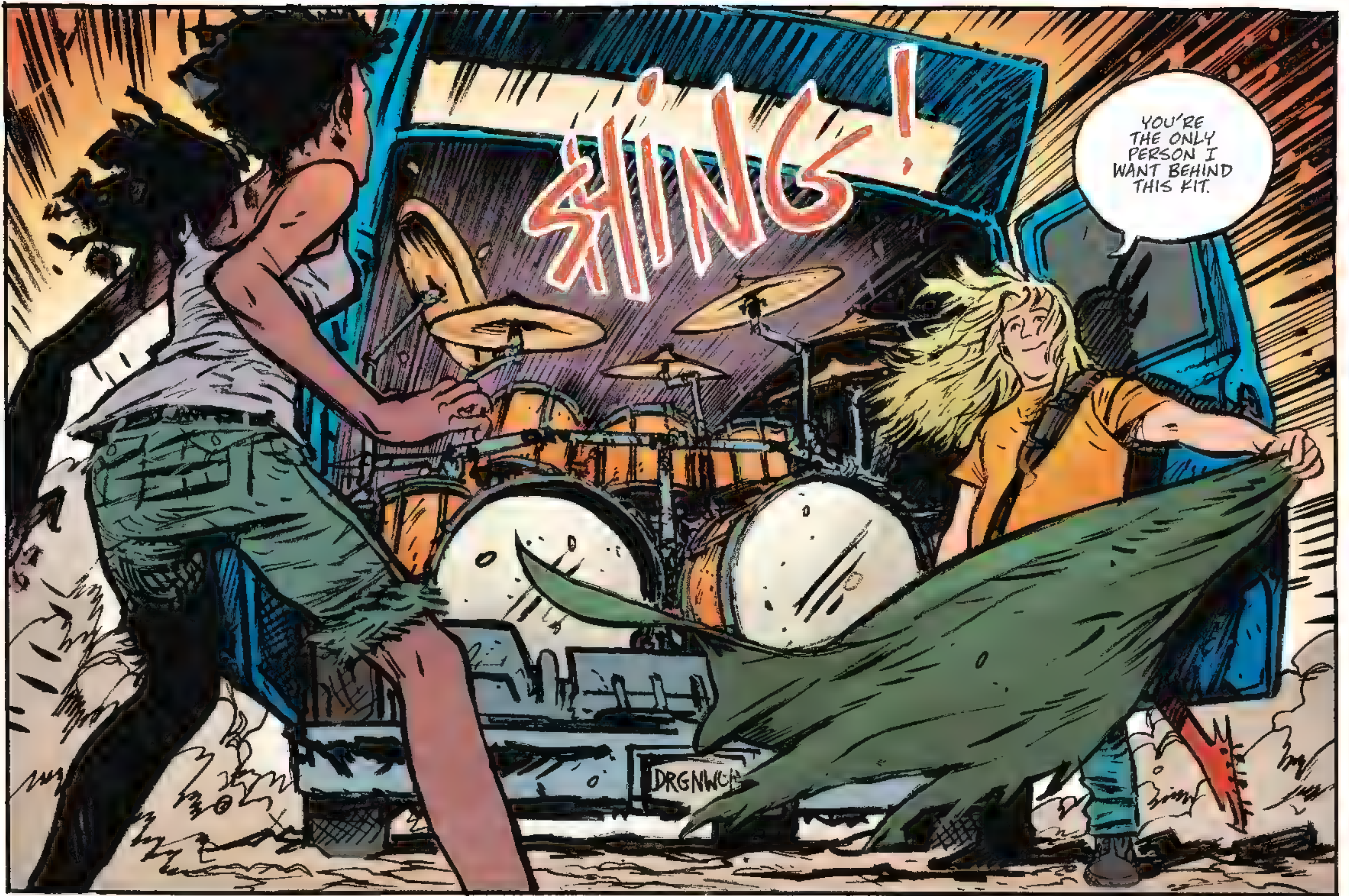


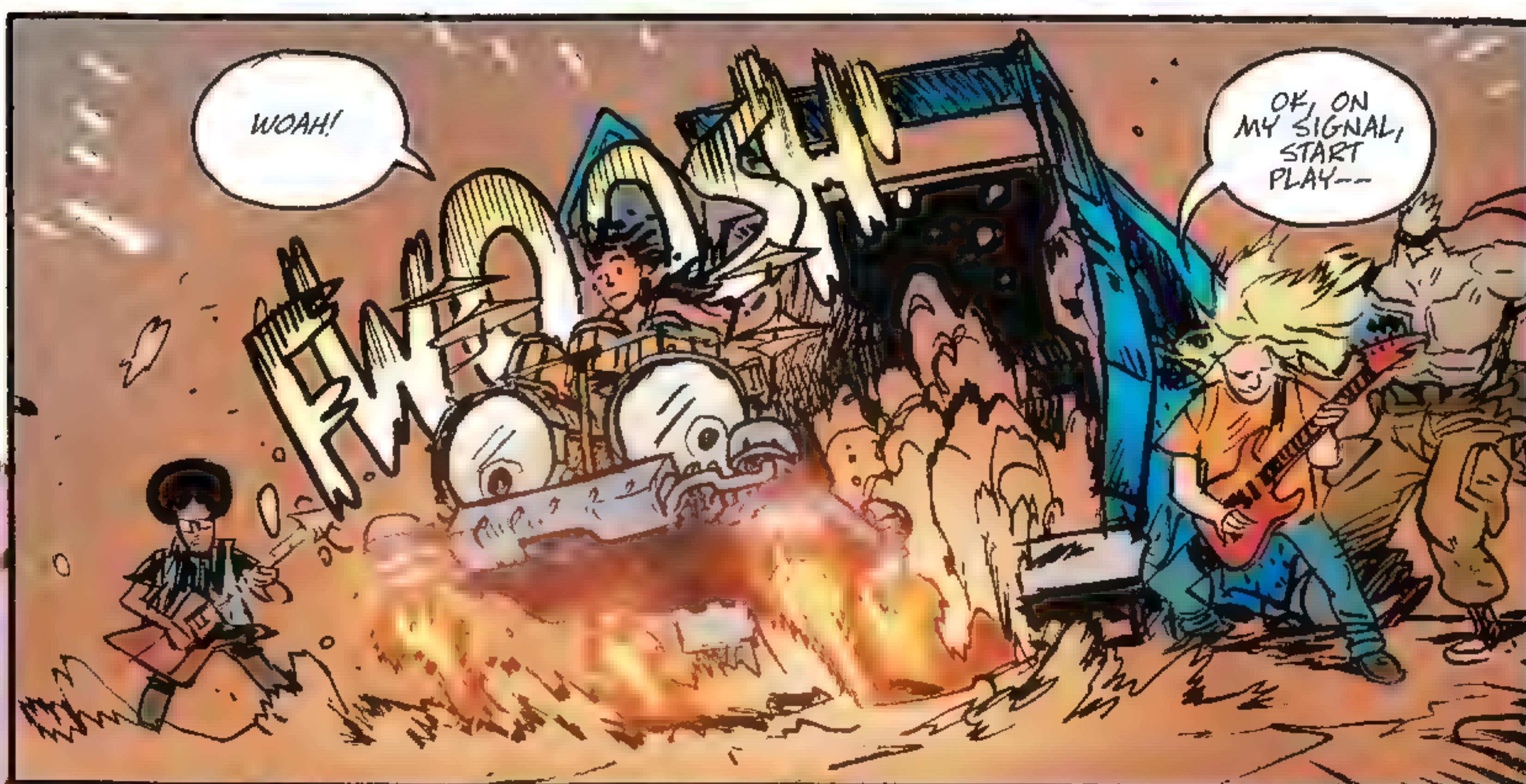
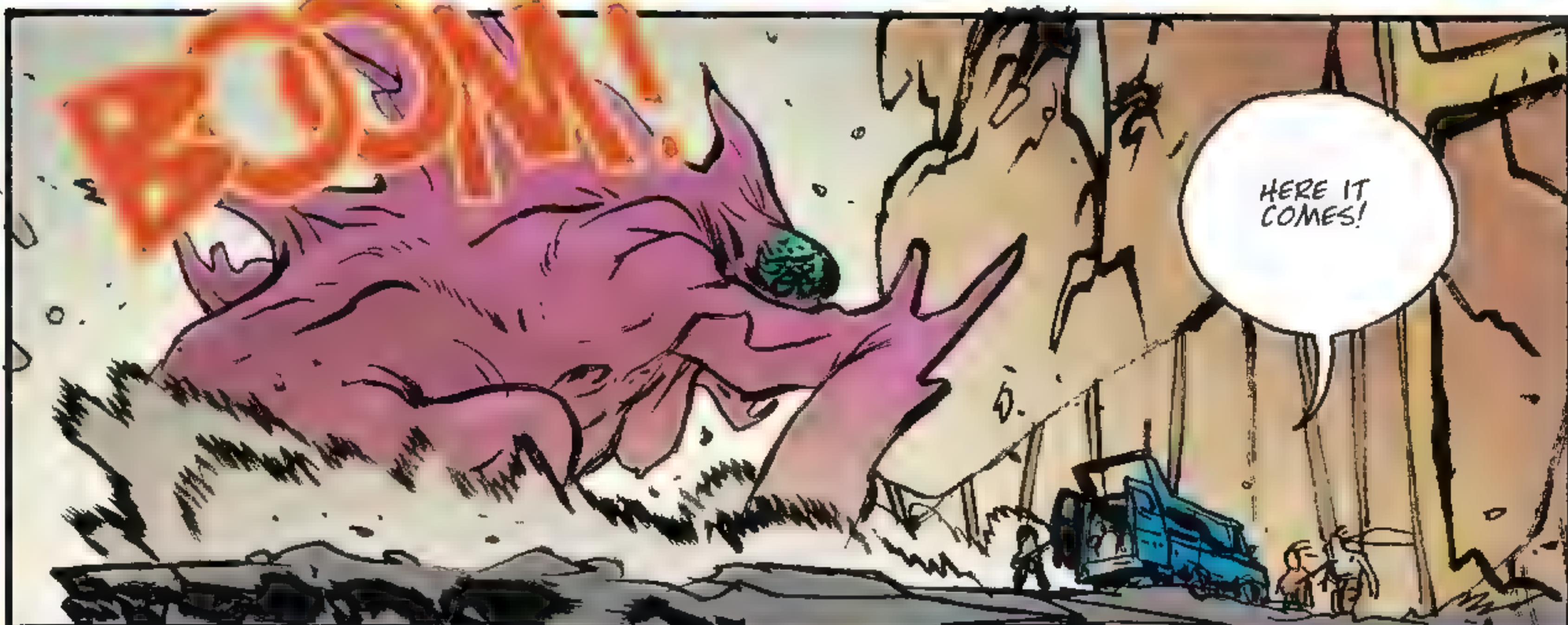
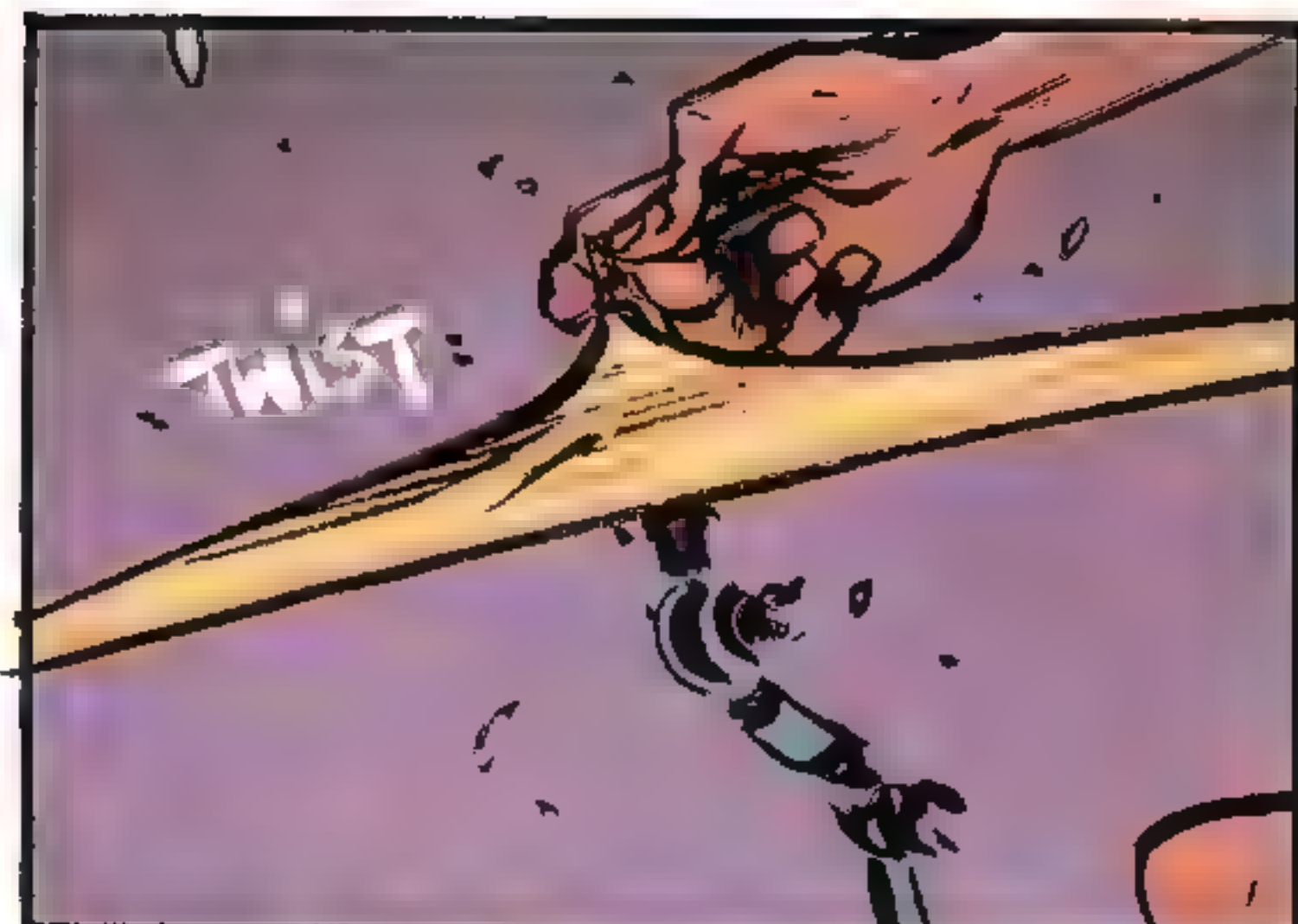
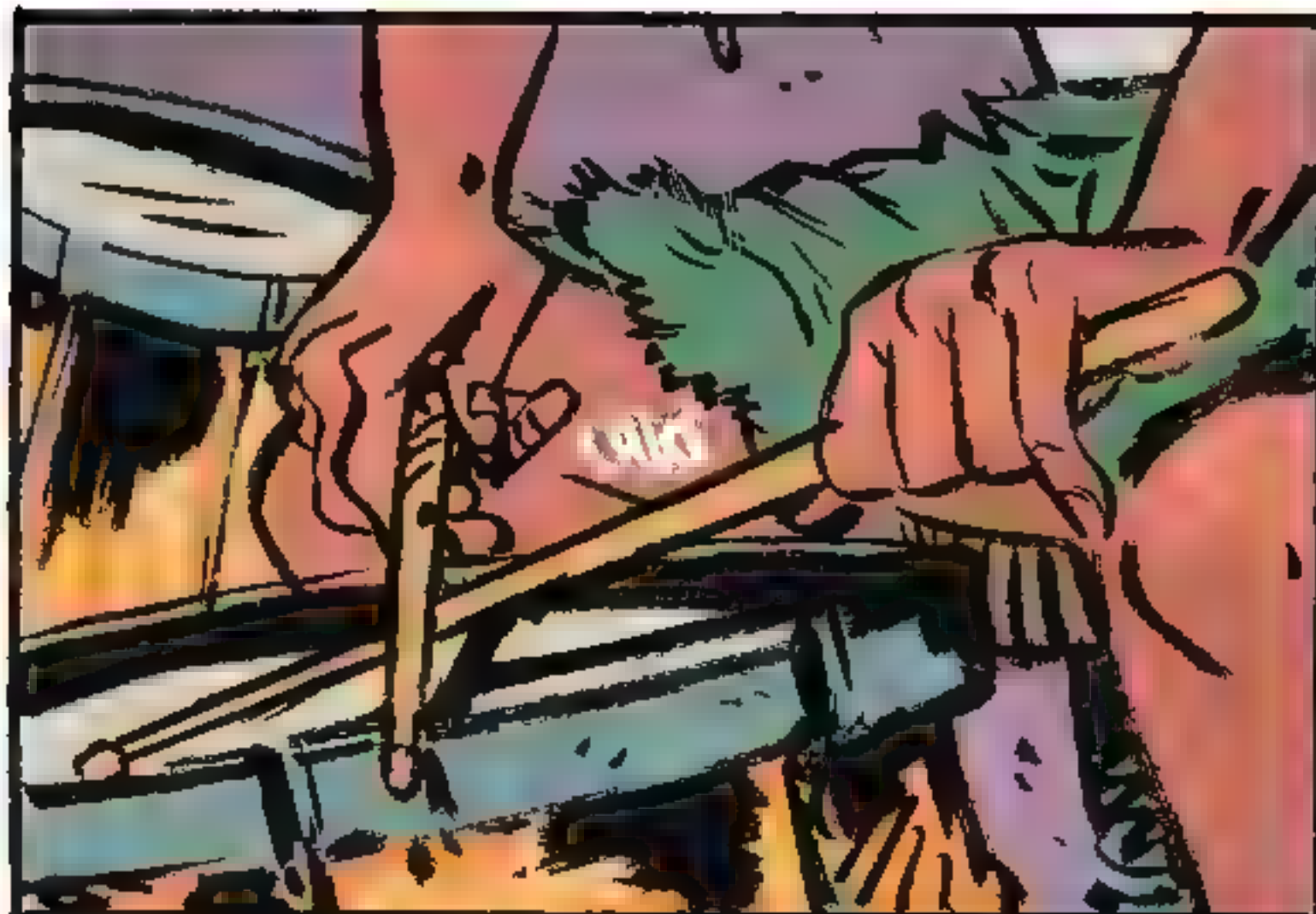




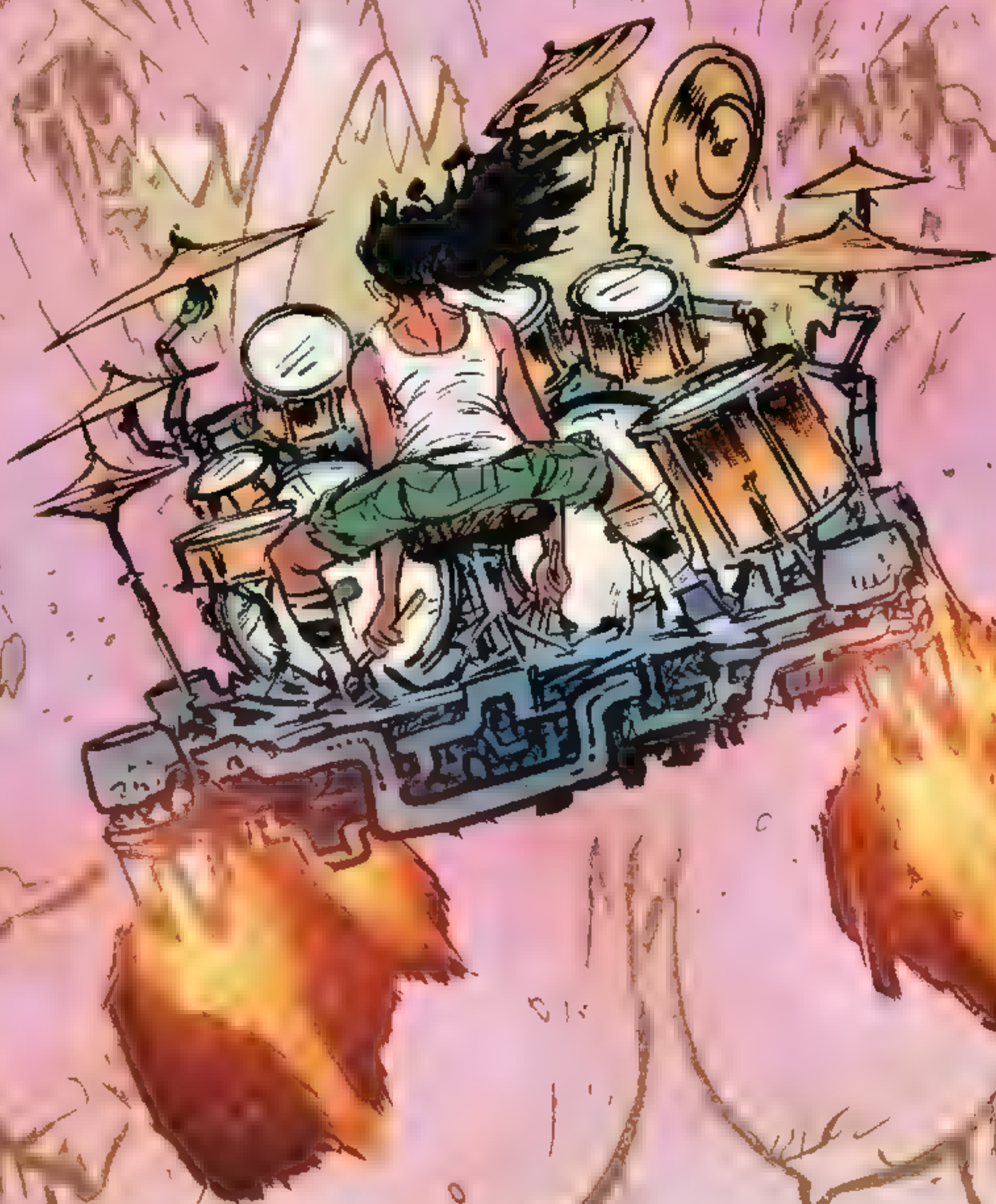


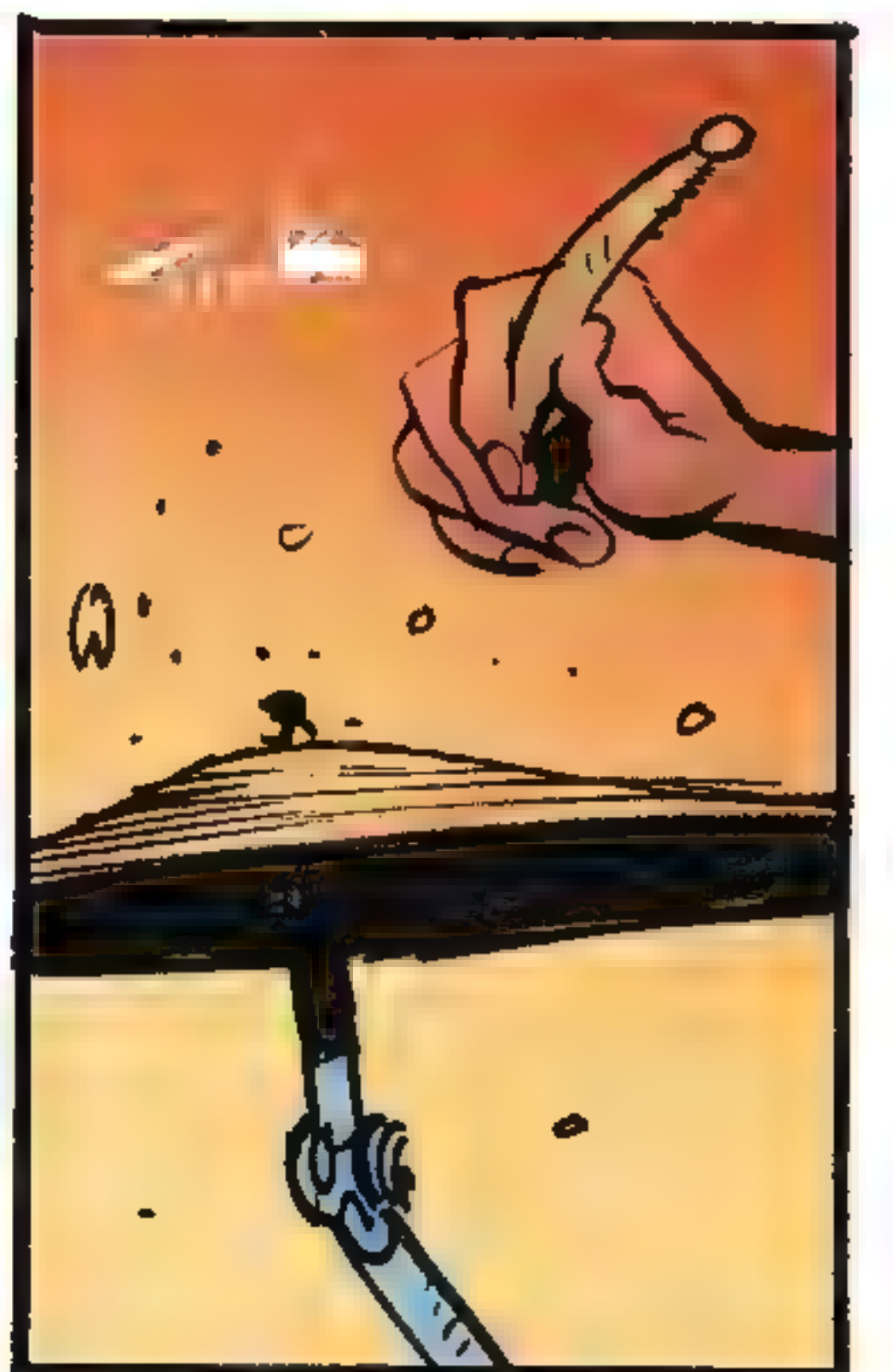
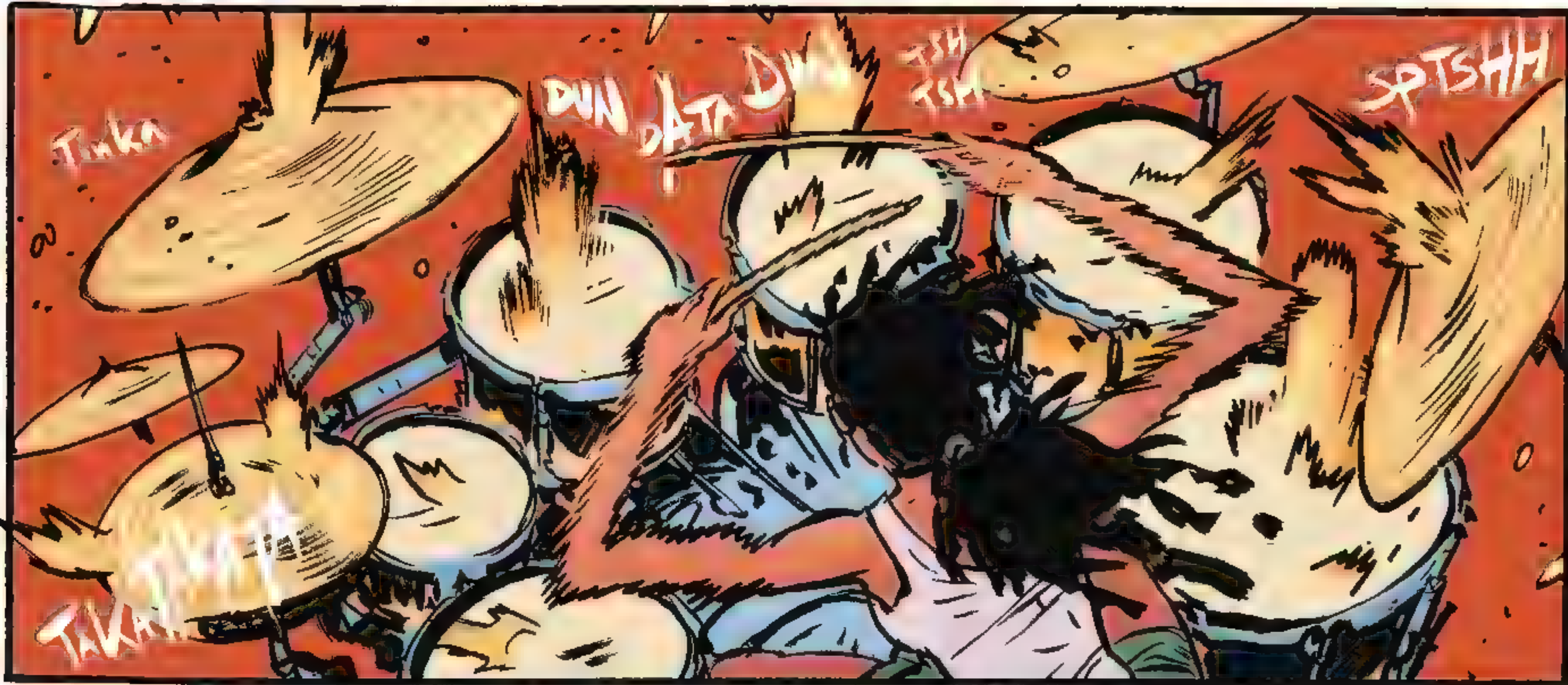


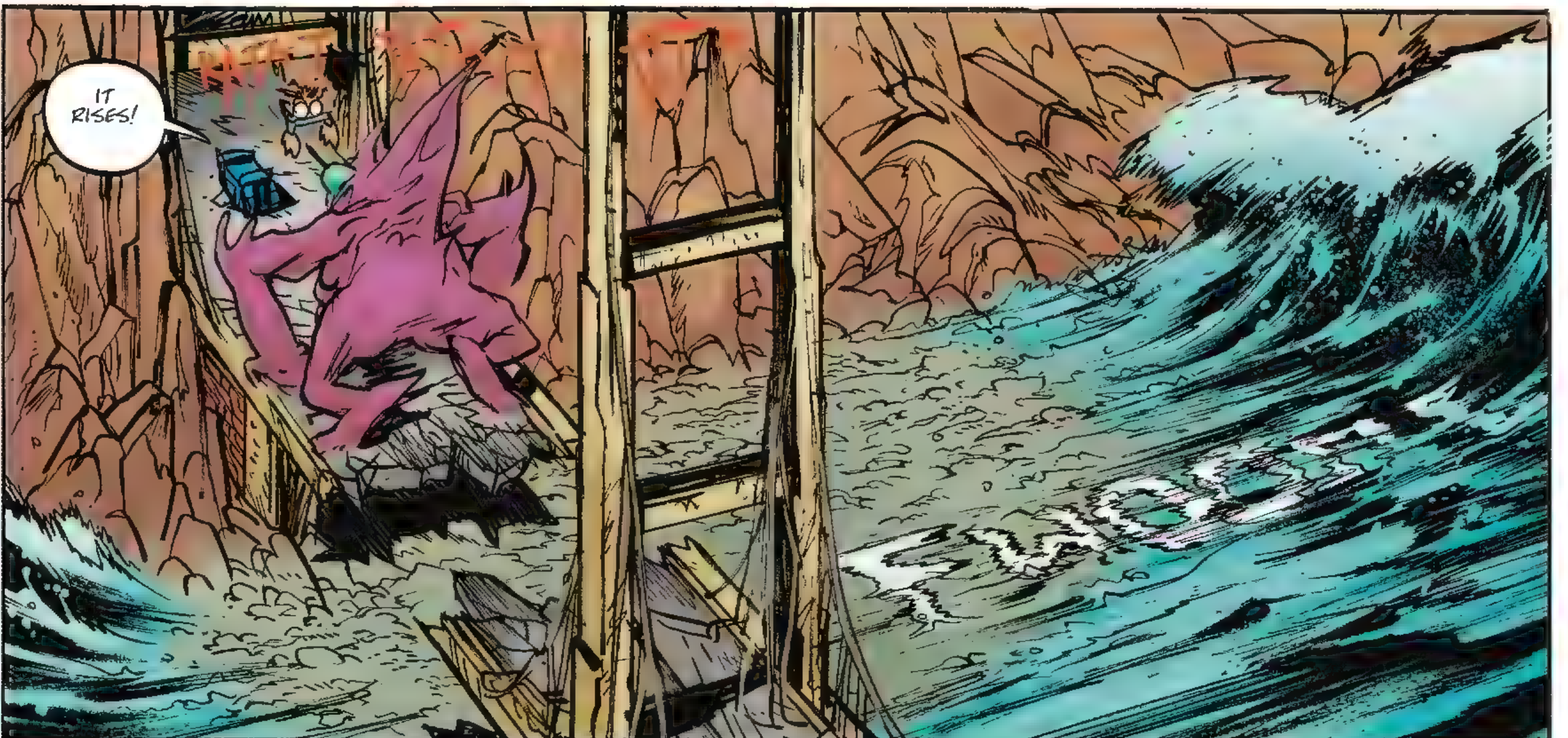
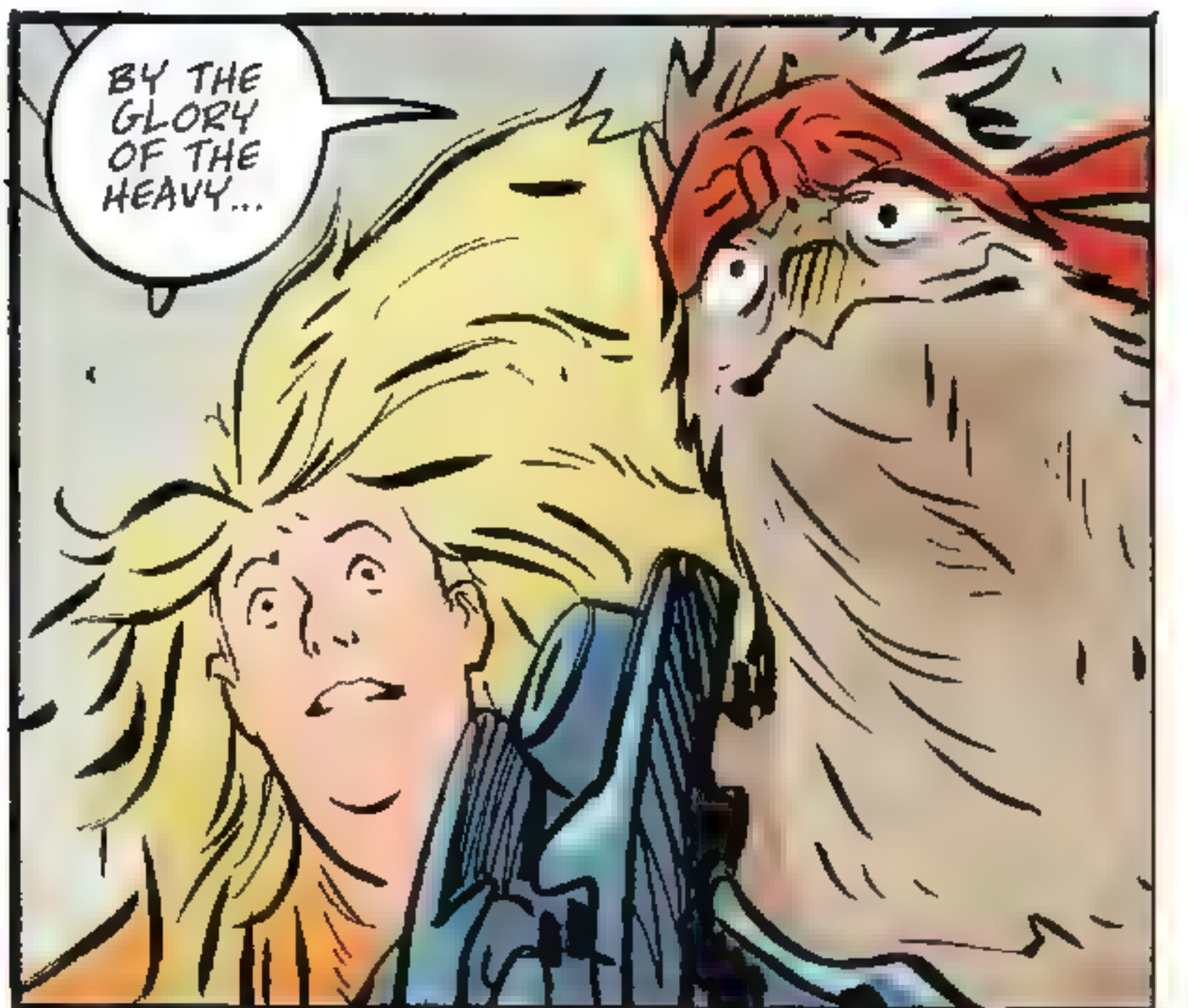
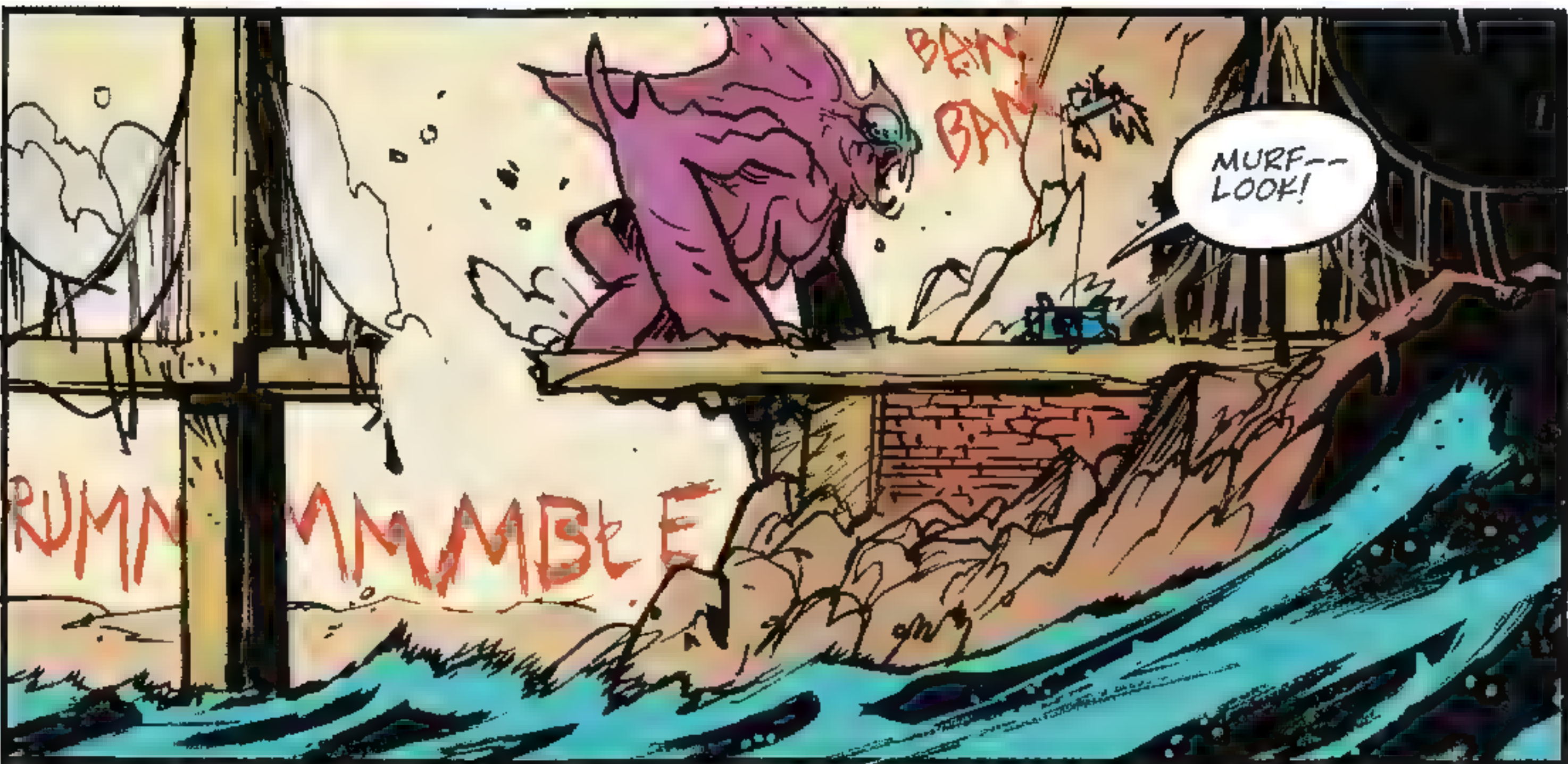


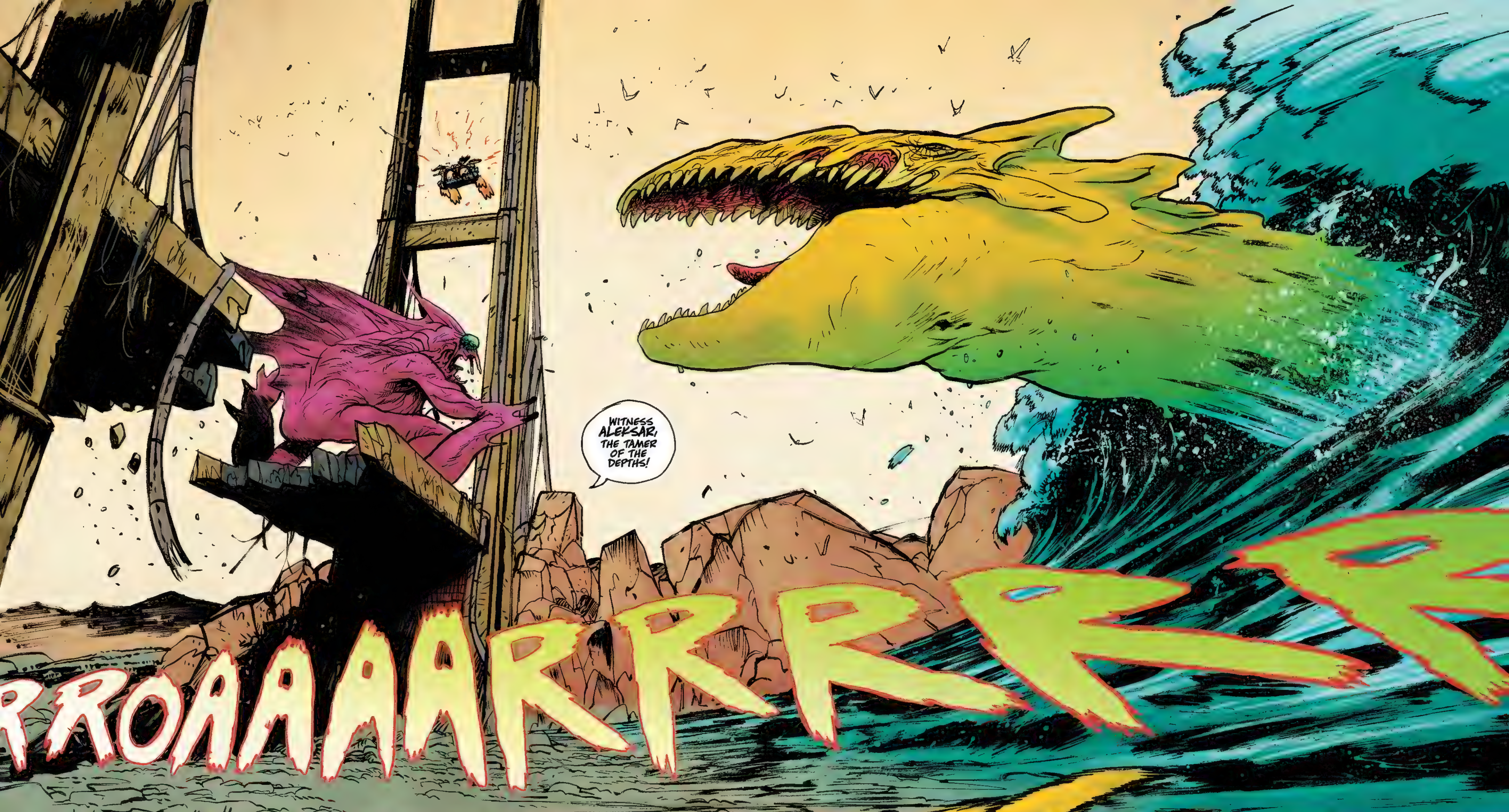


"...SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA LET THE DRUMMER TAKE A SOLO."



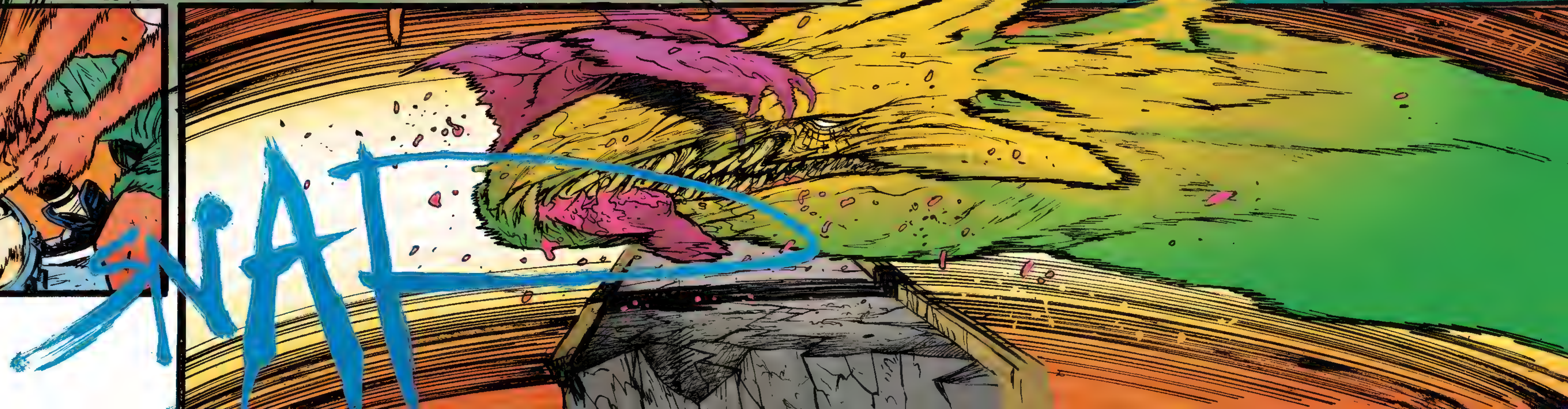


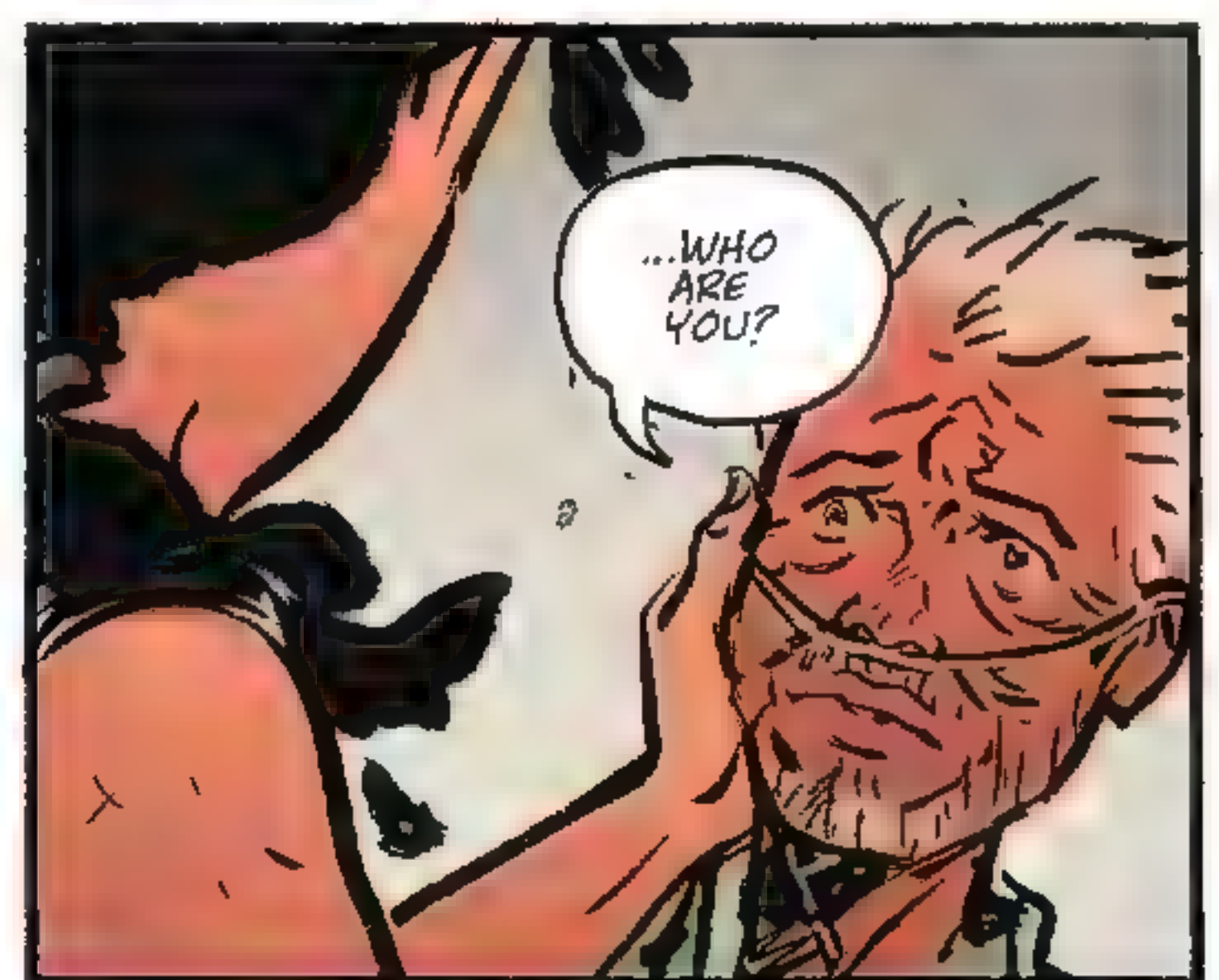
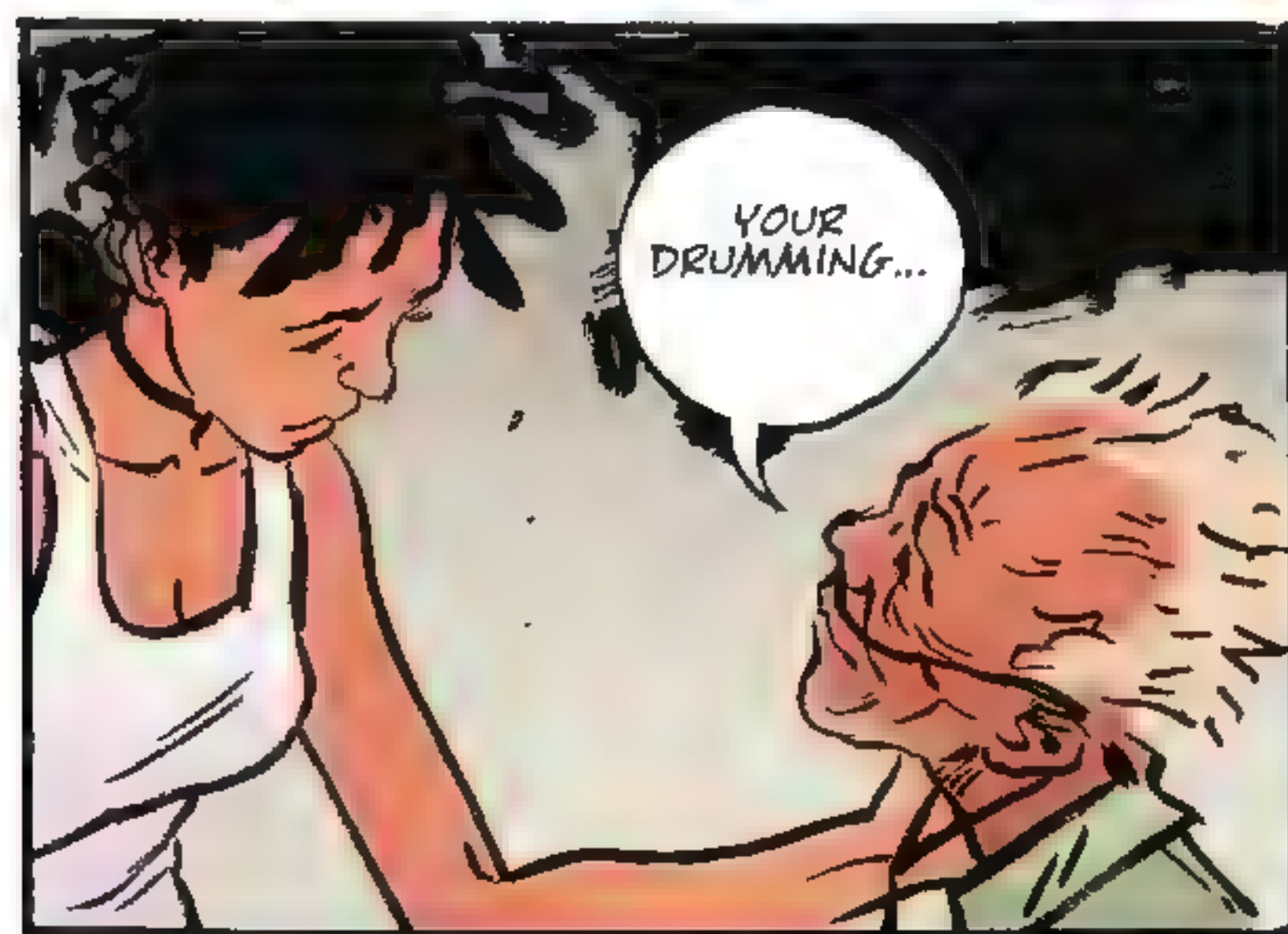
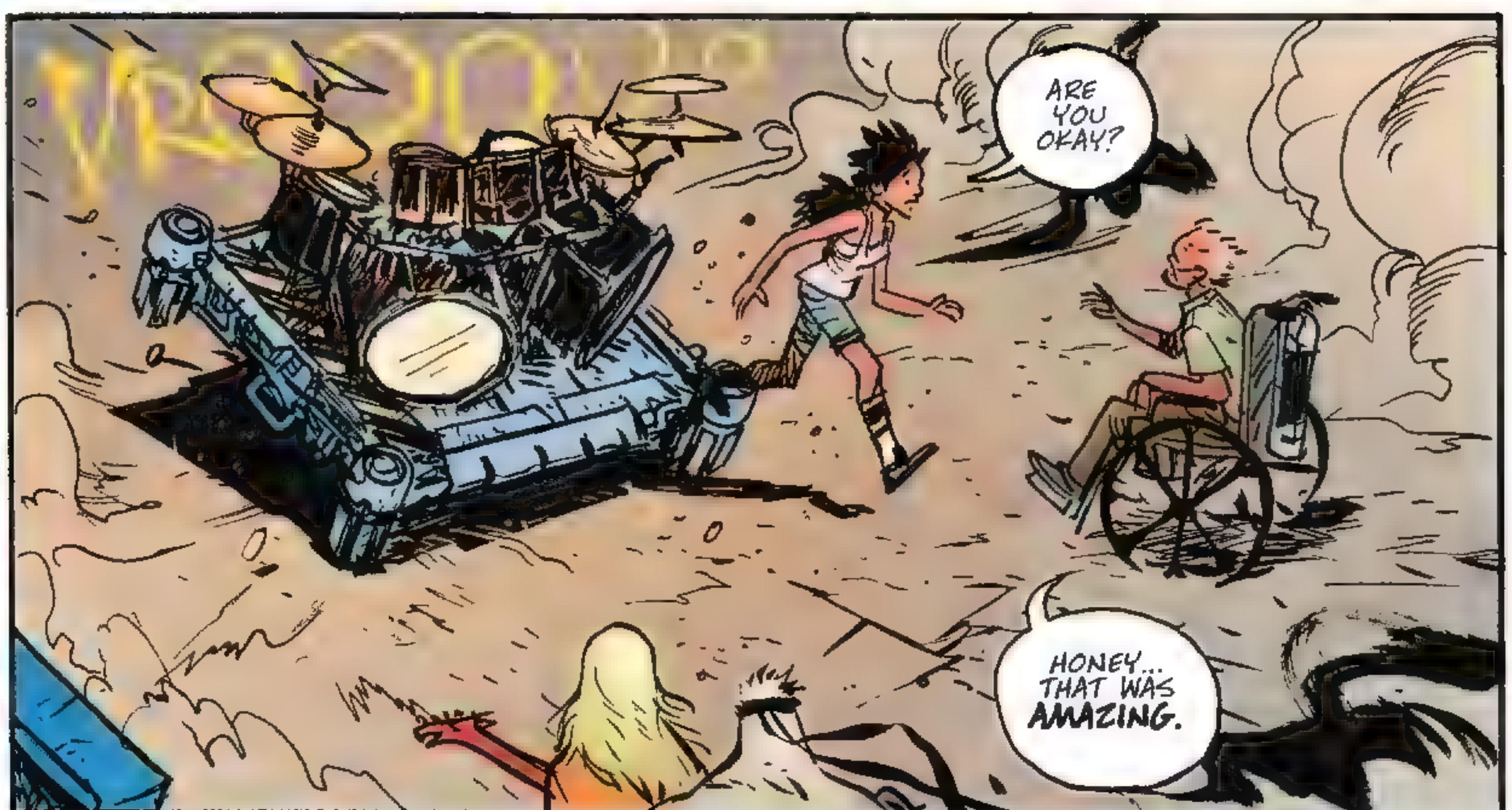
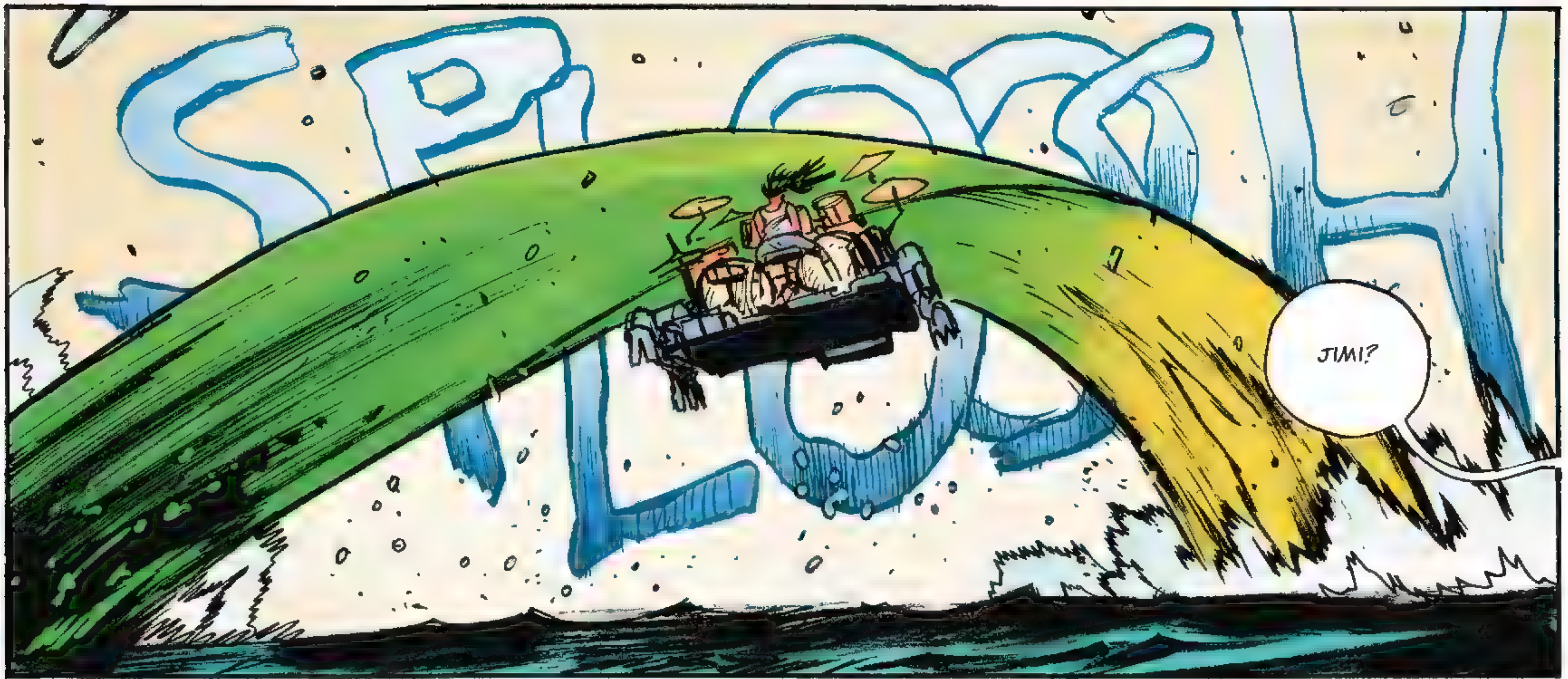


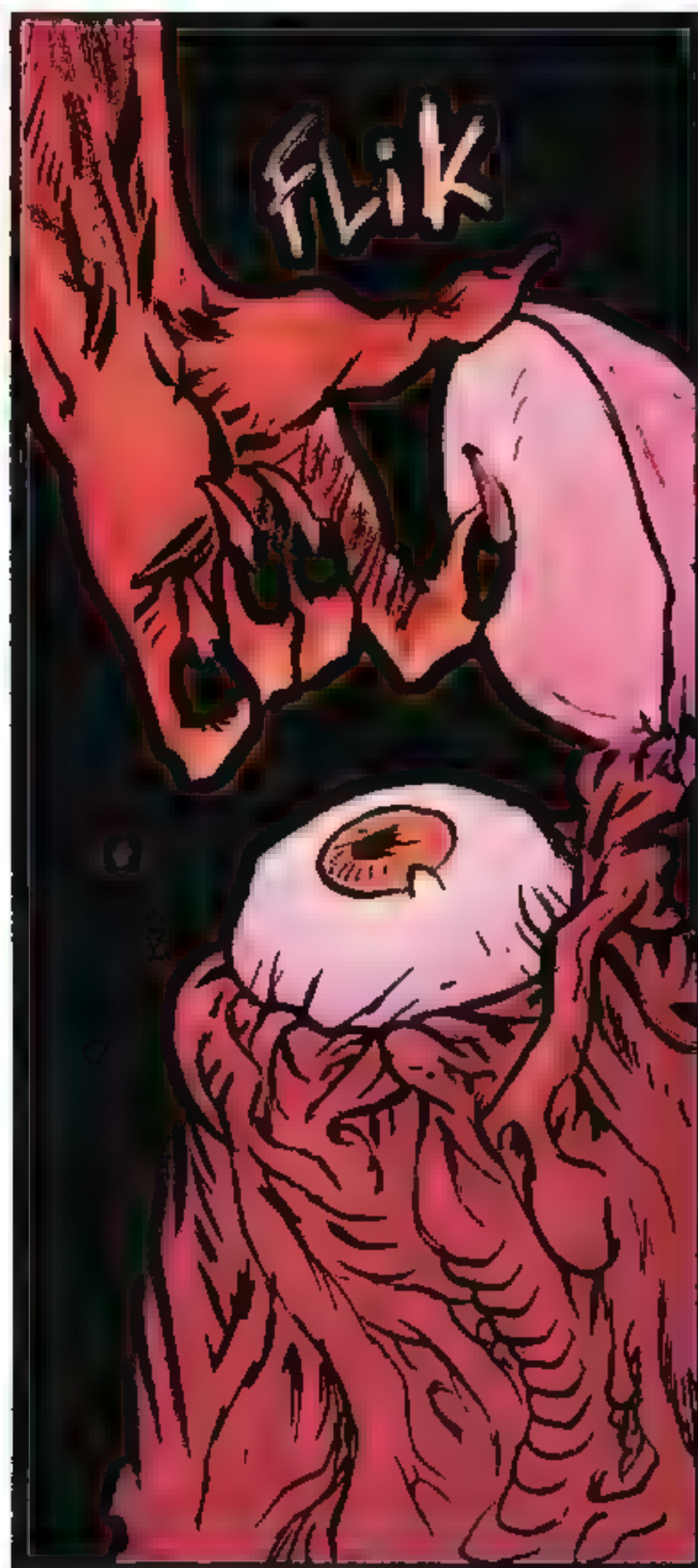
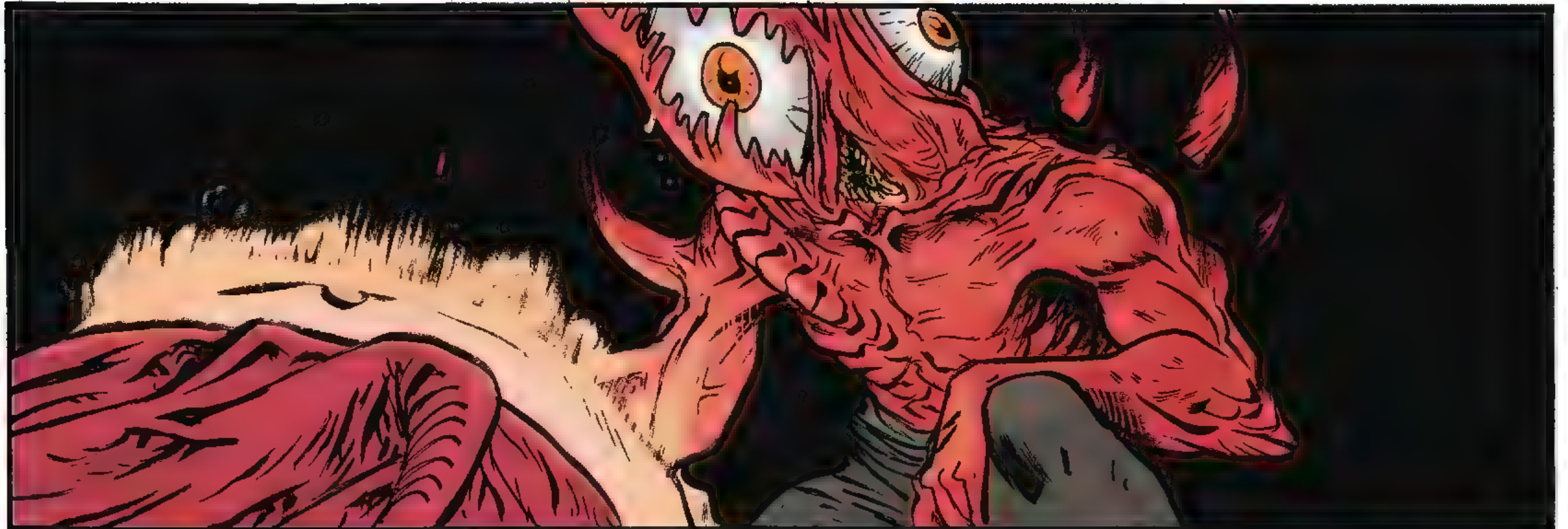
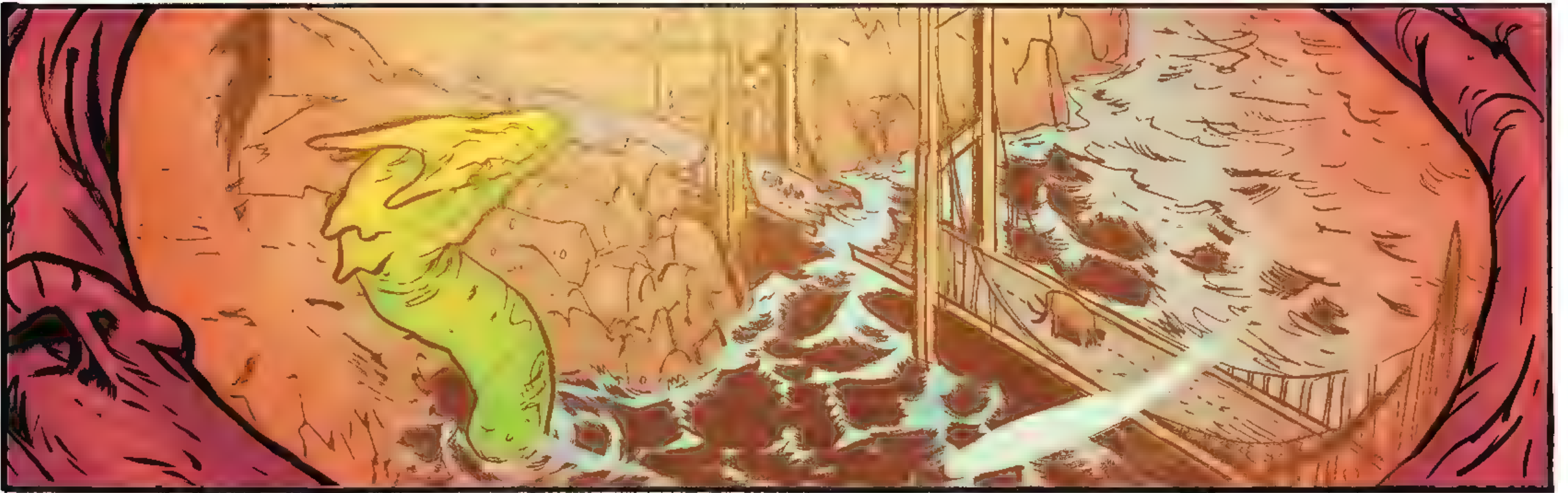


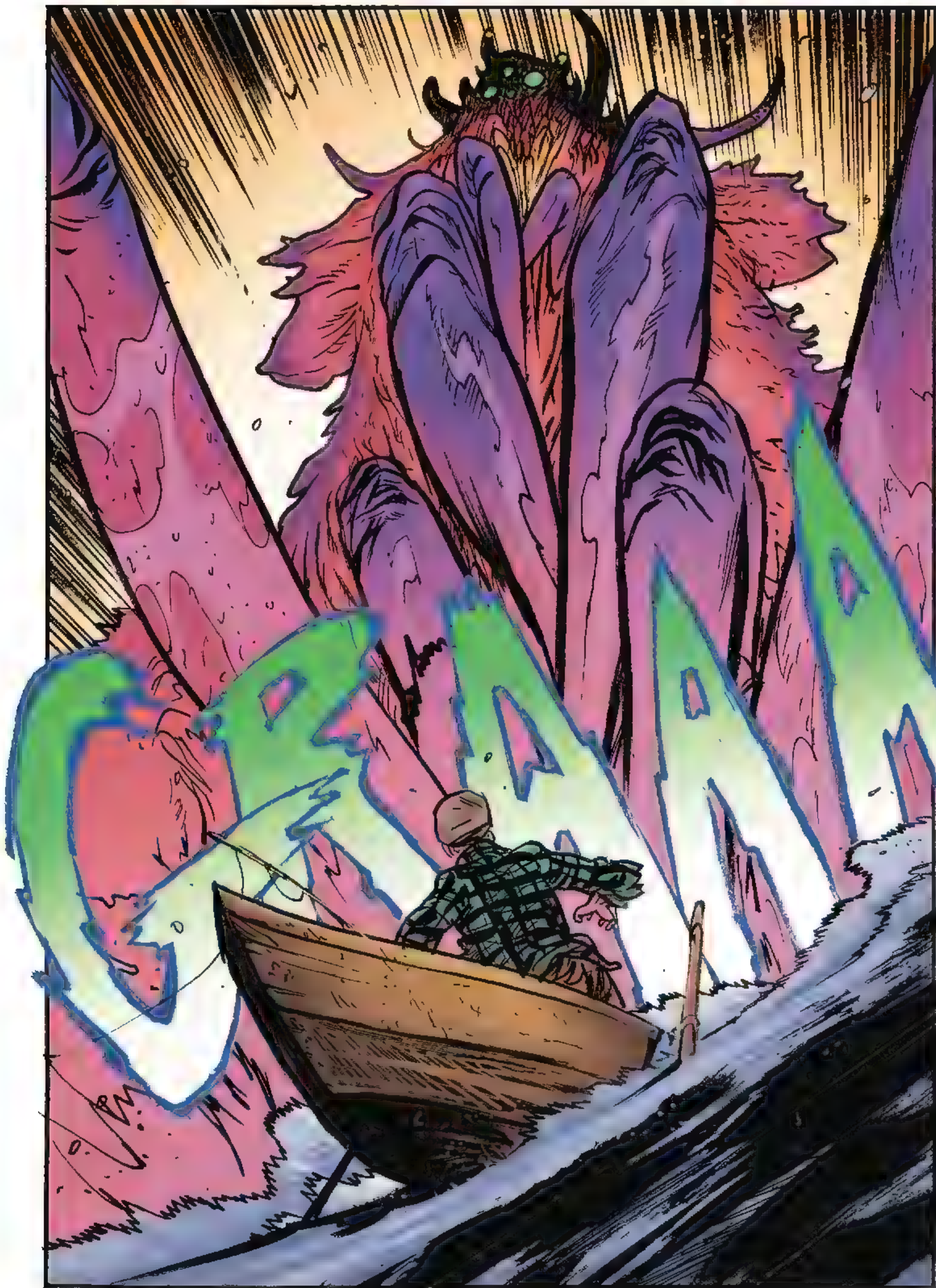
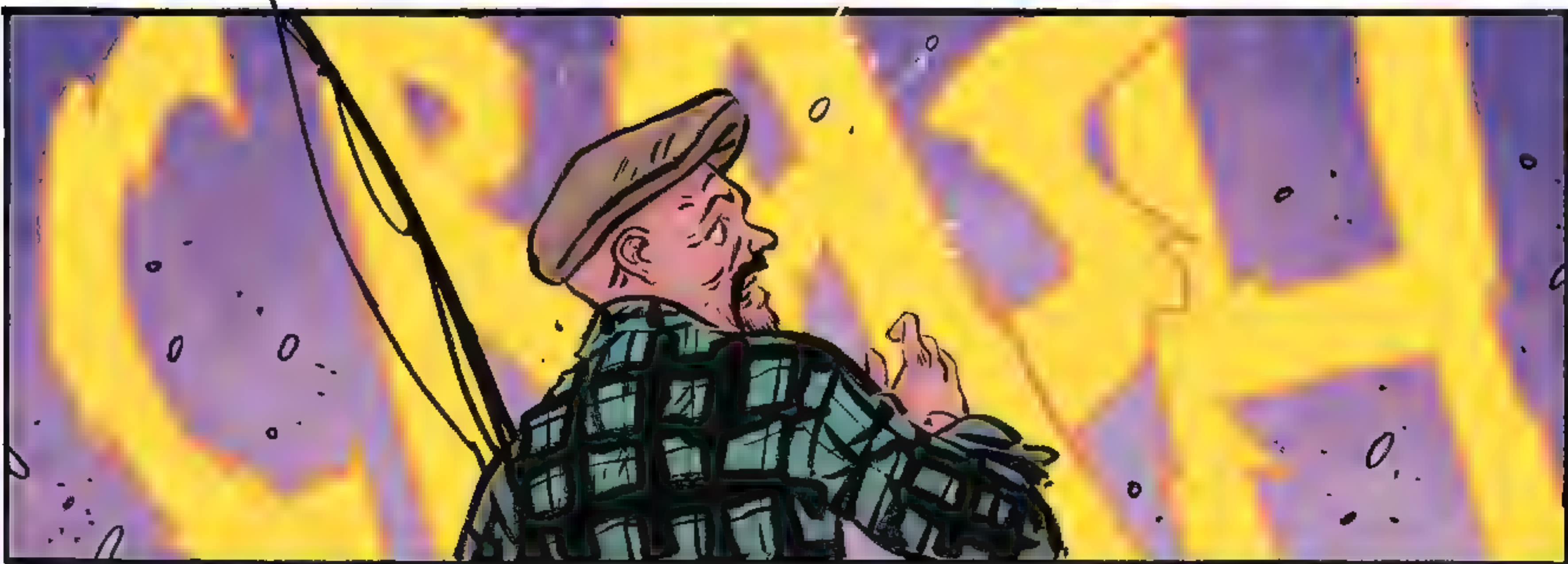
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ALEKSAR,
THE TAMER
OF THE
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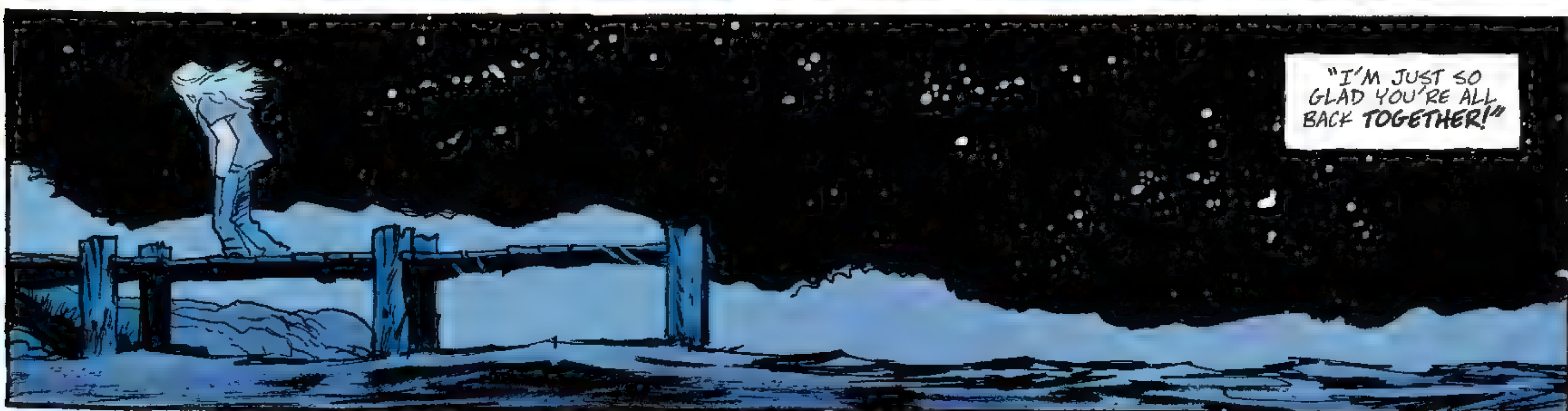
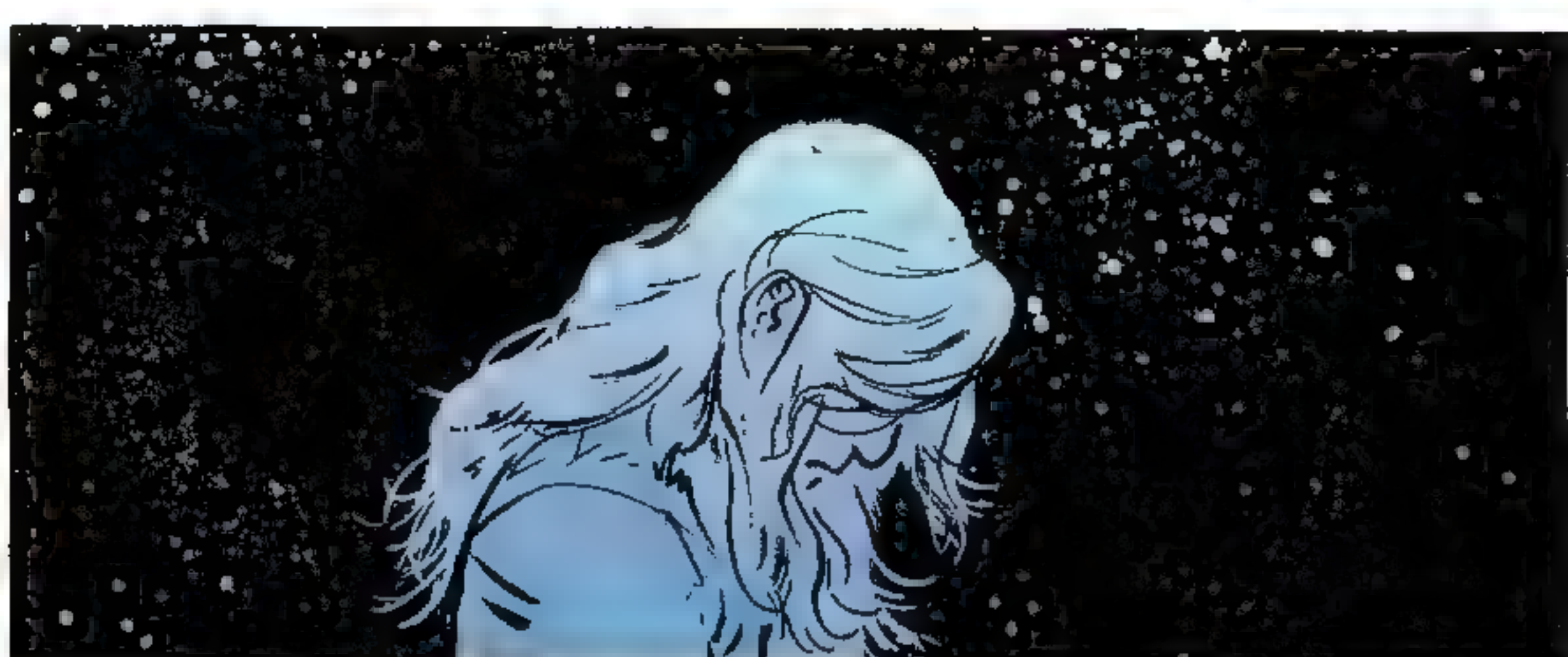
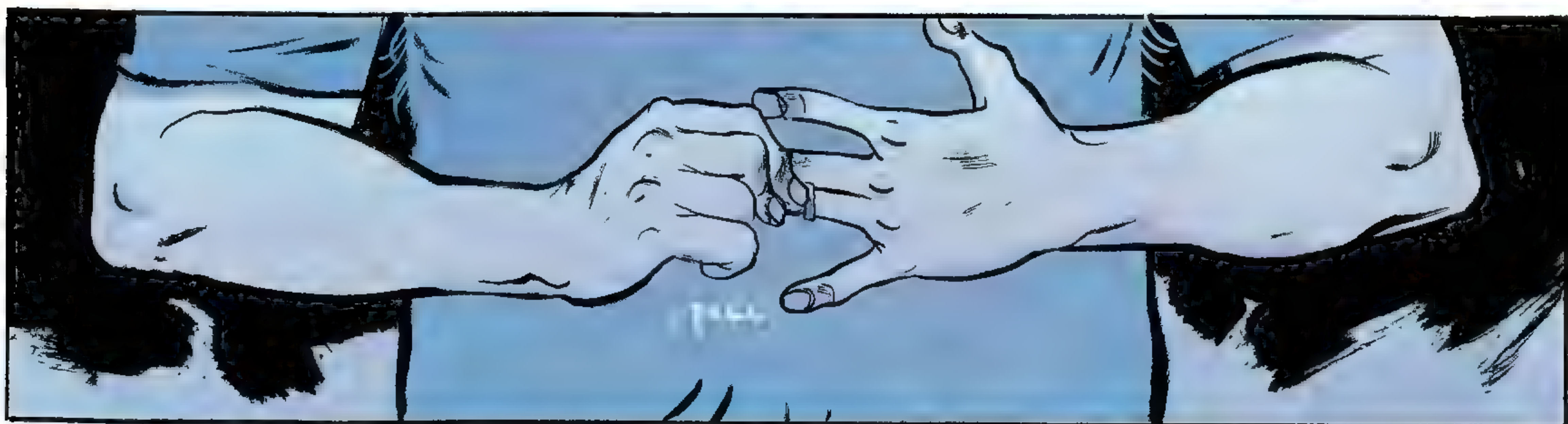
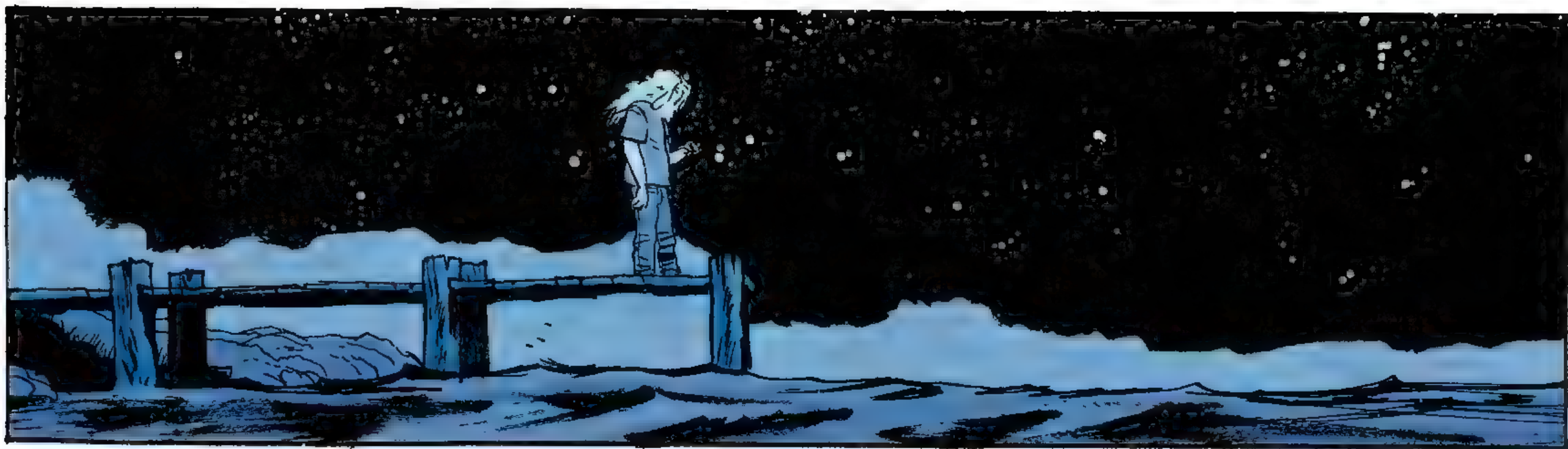
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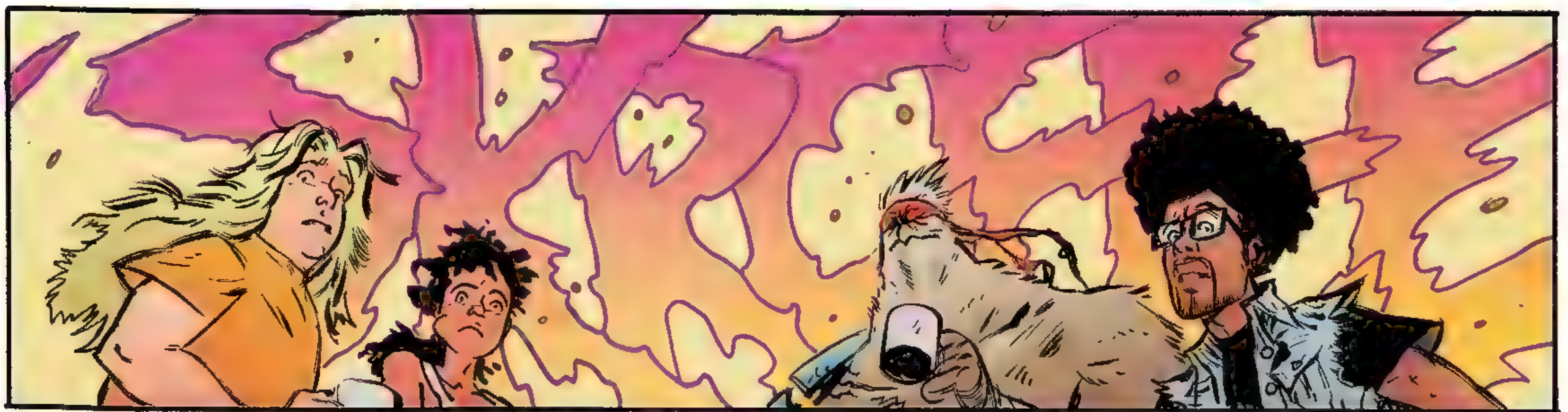
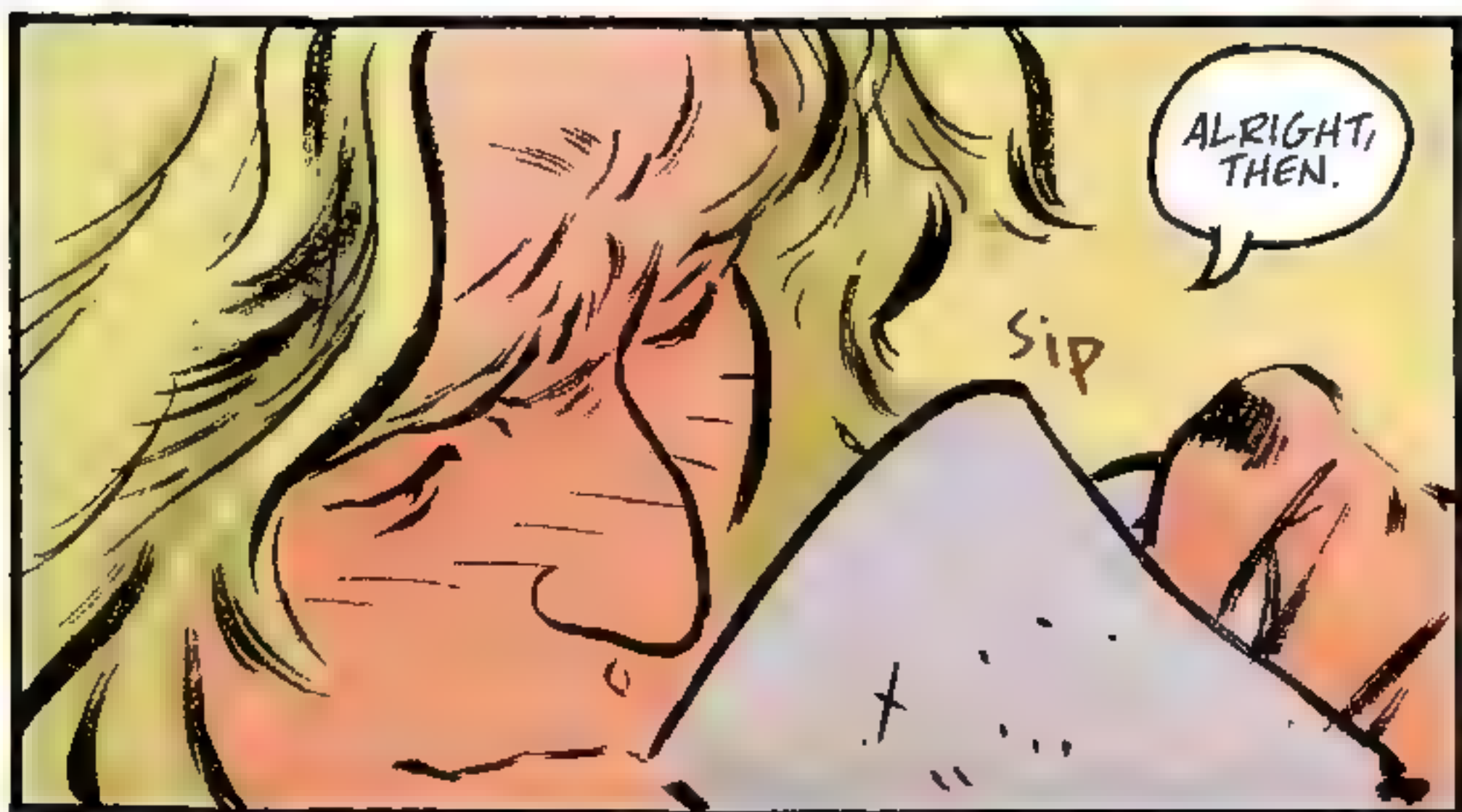


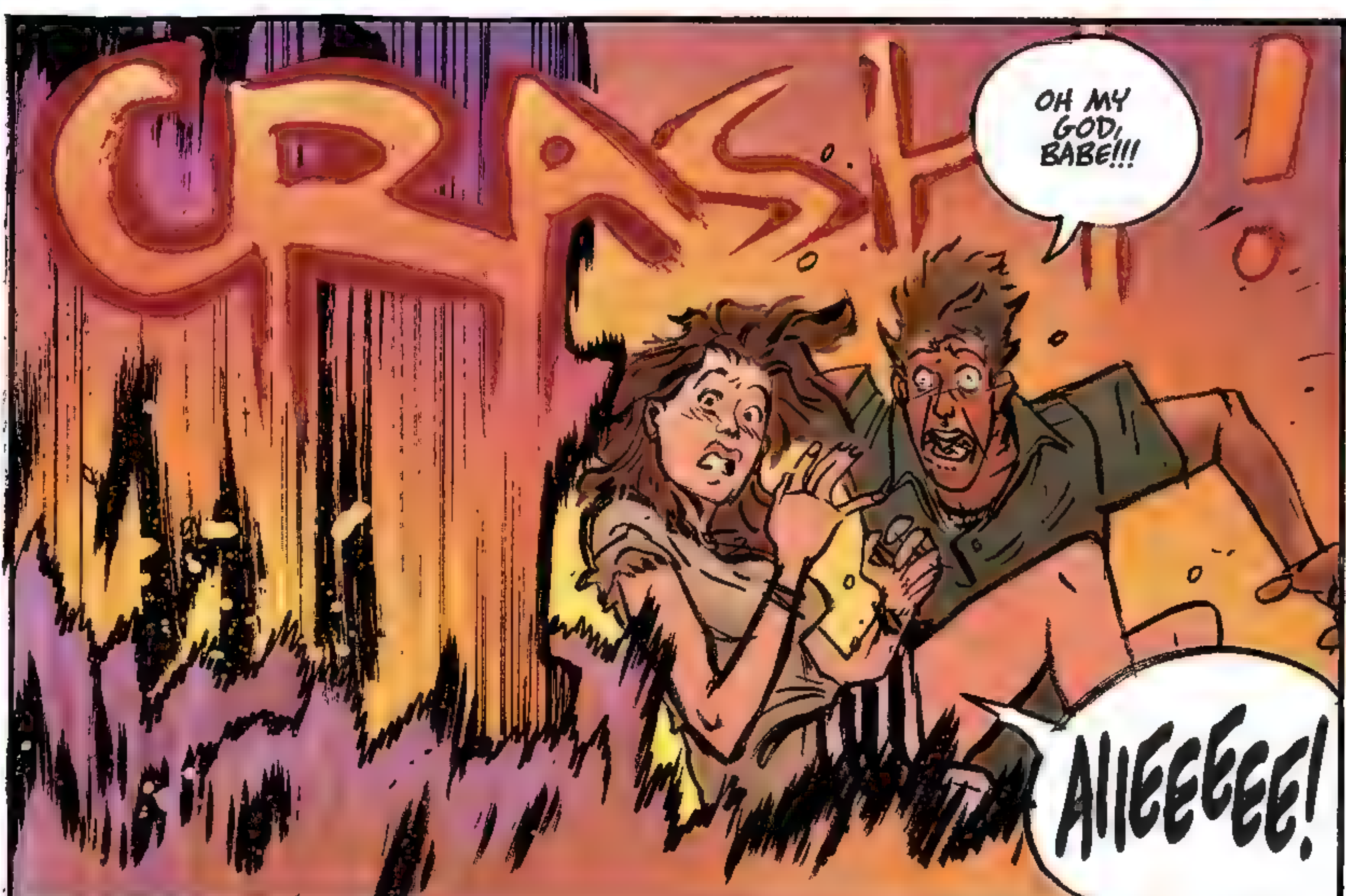
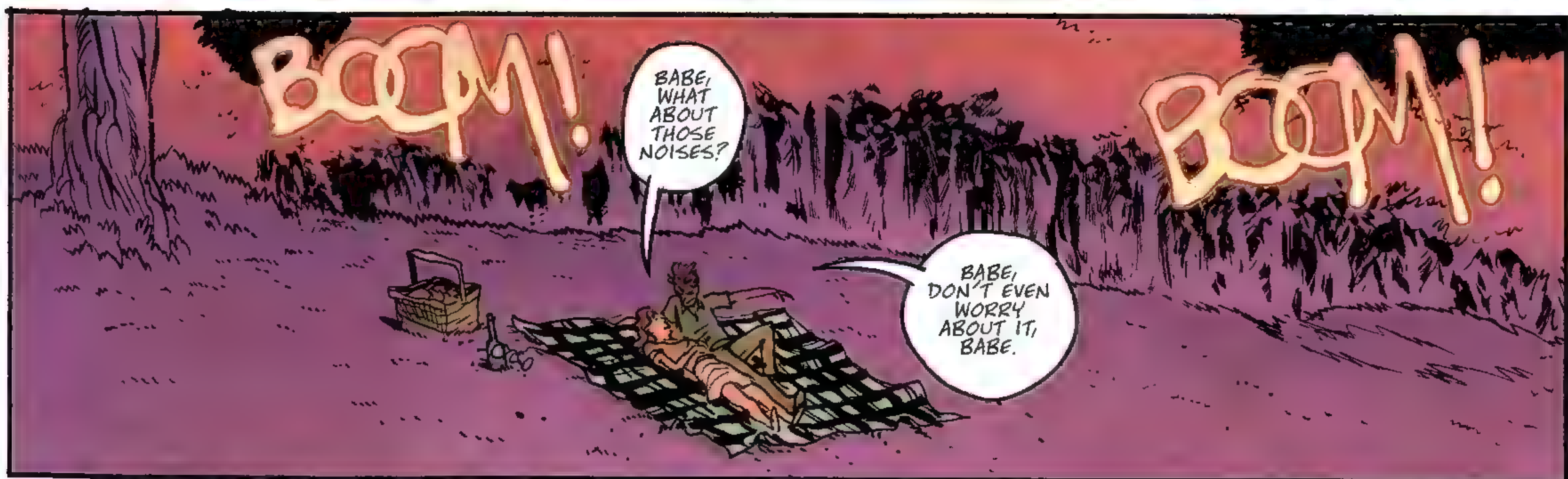
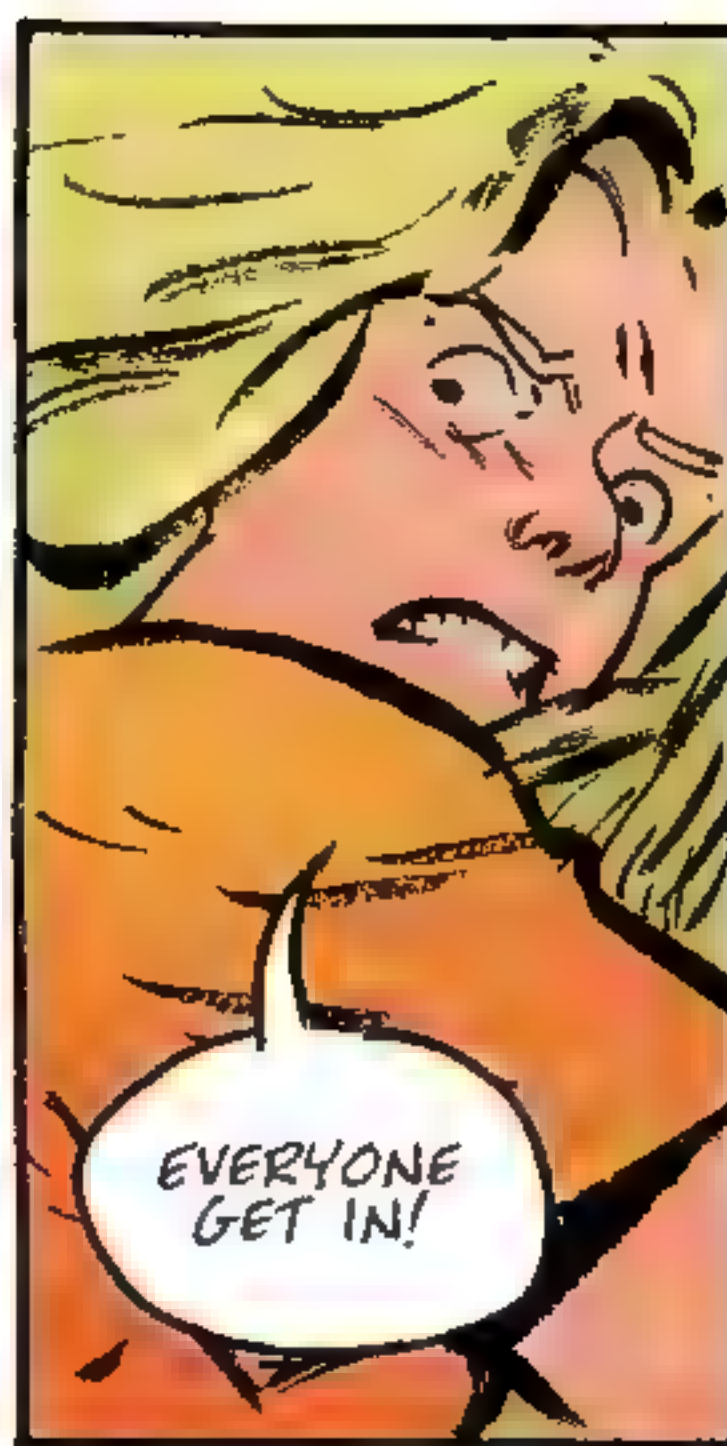
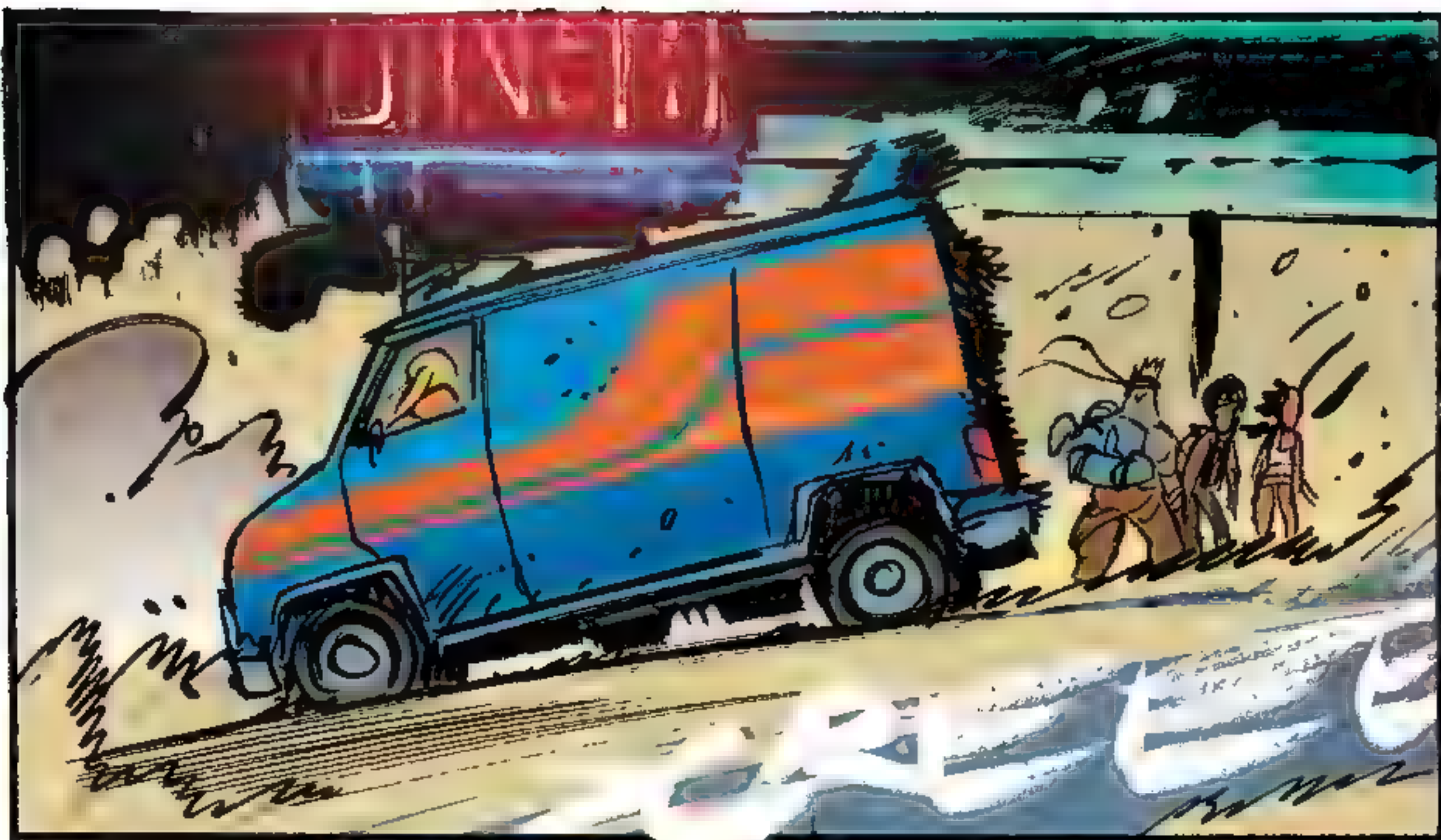


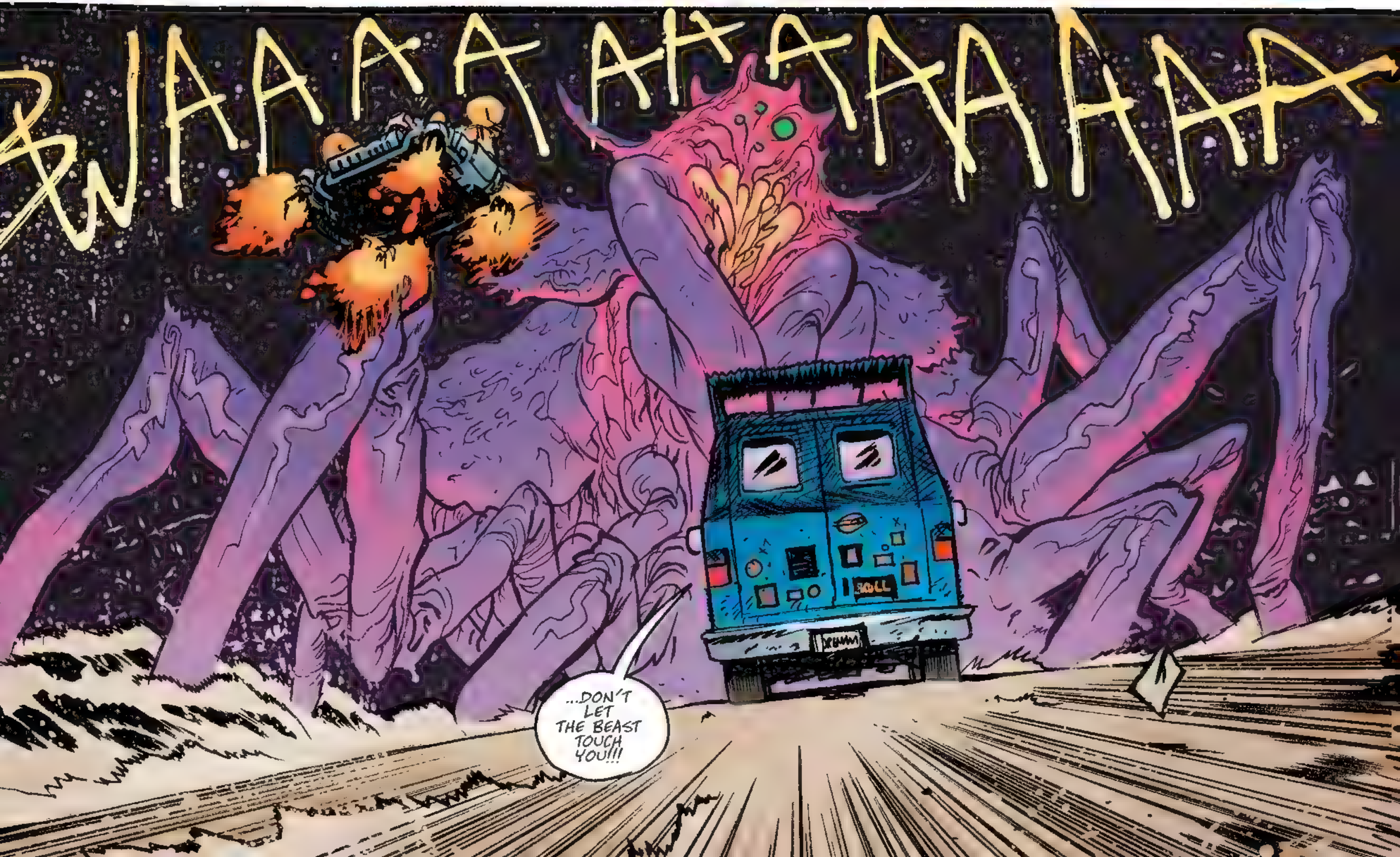
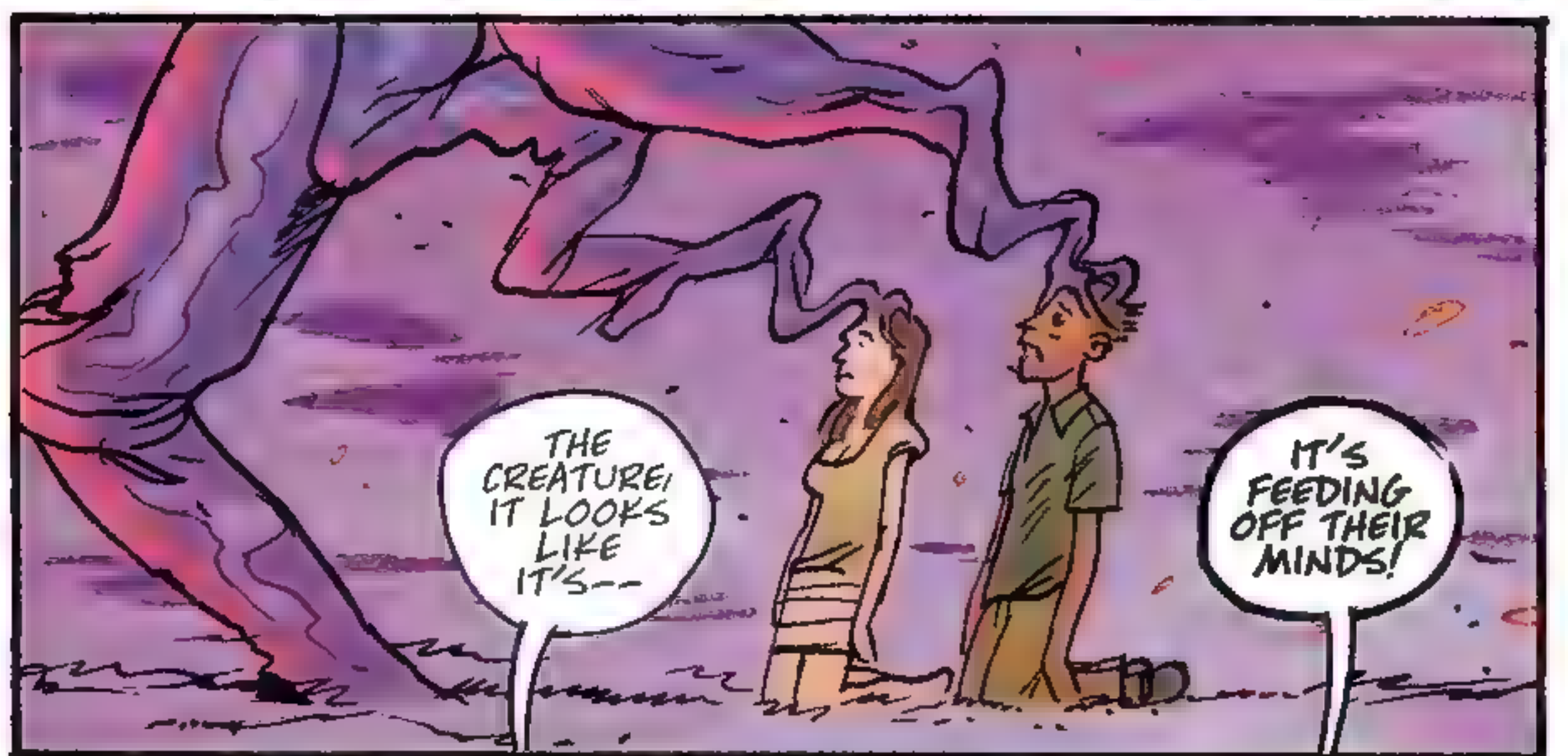


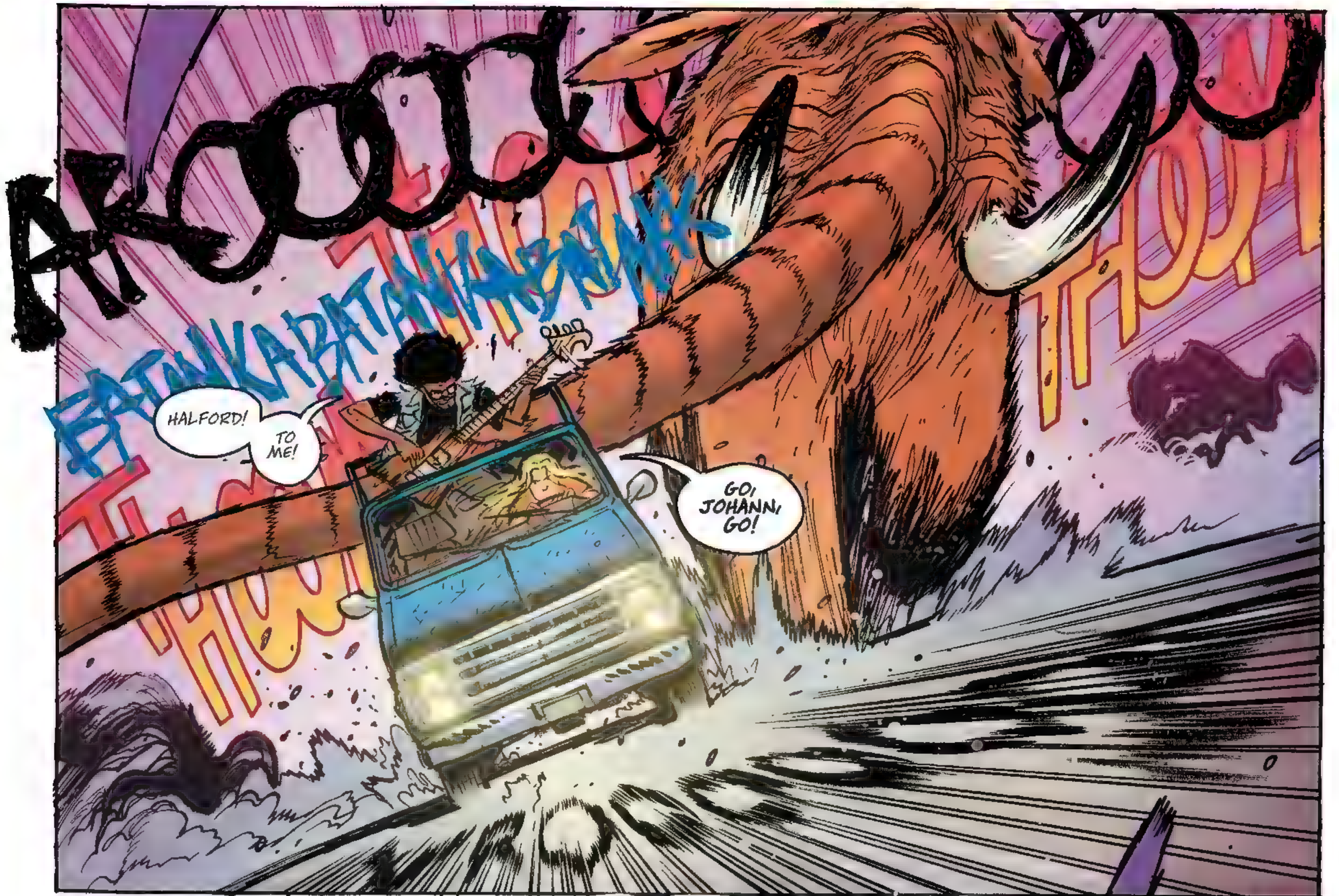
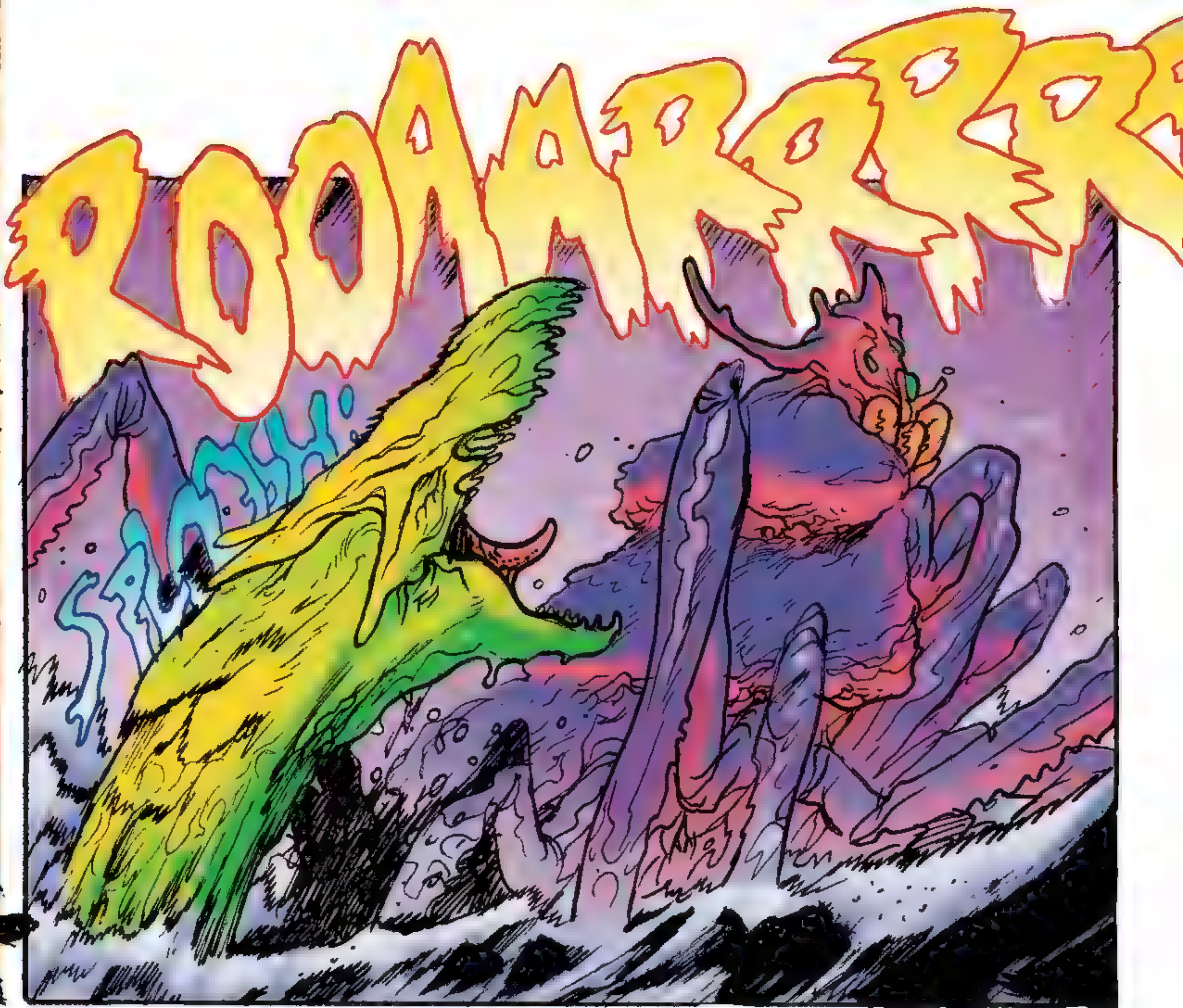


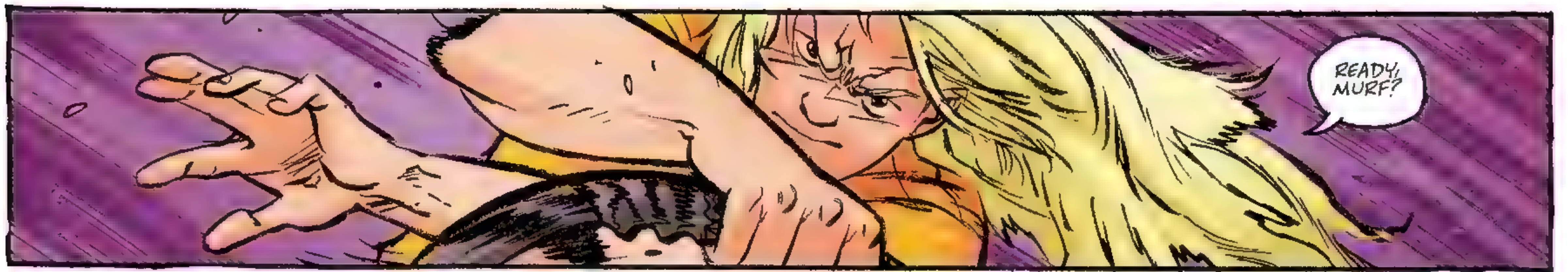
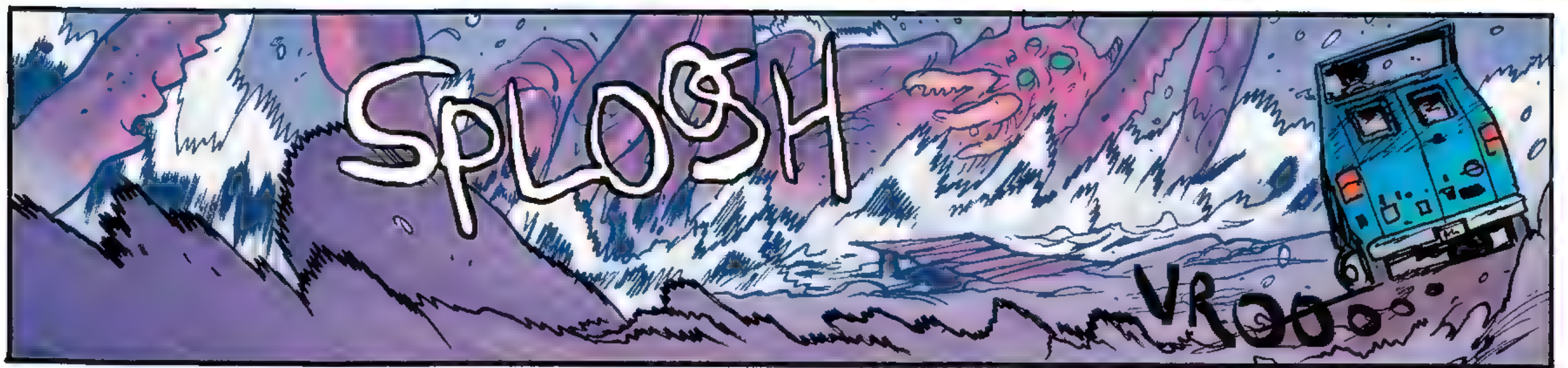
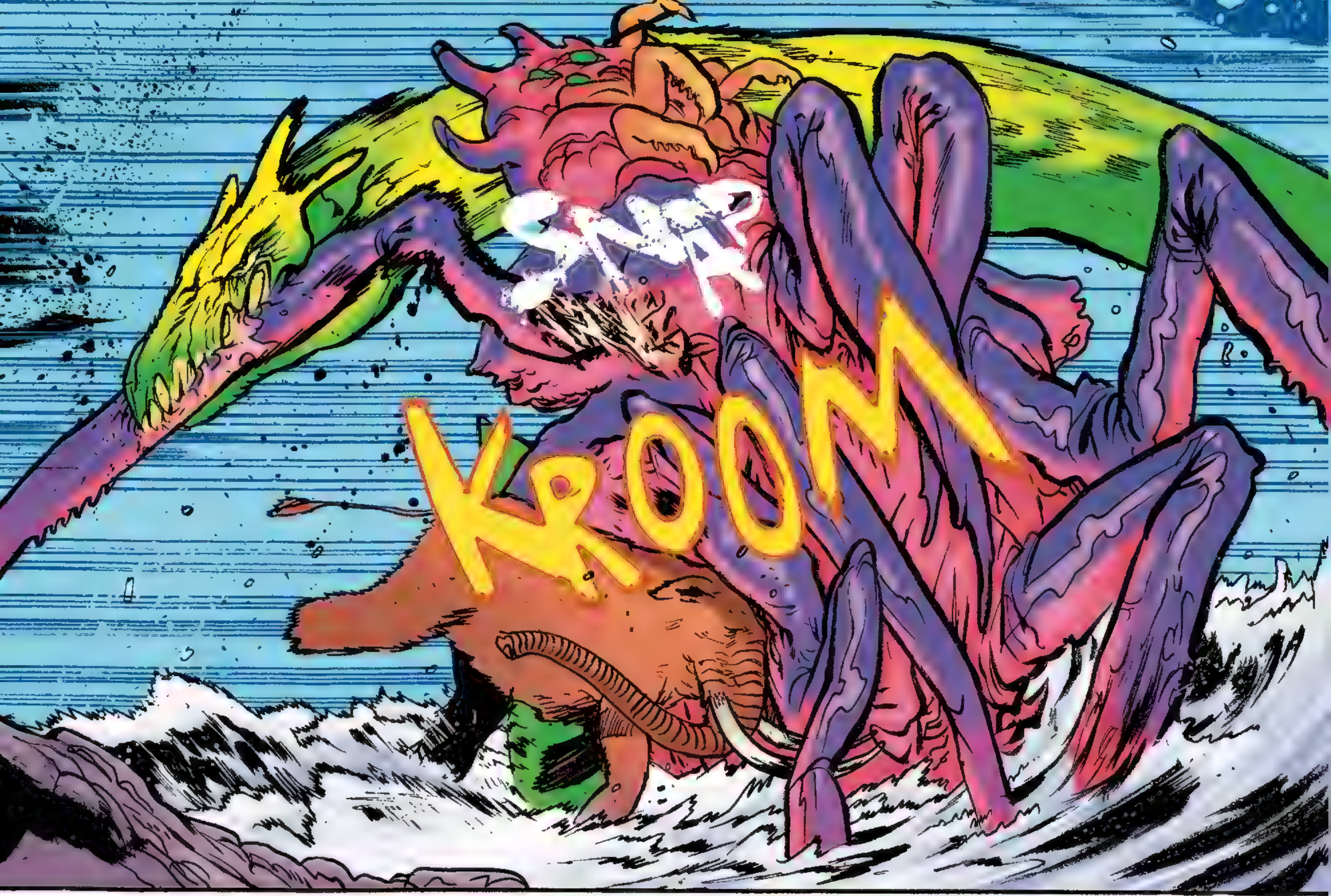


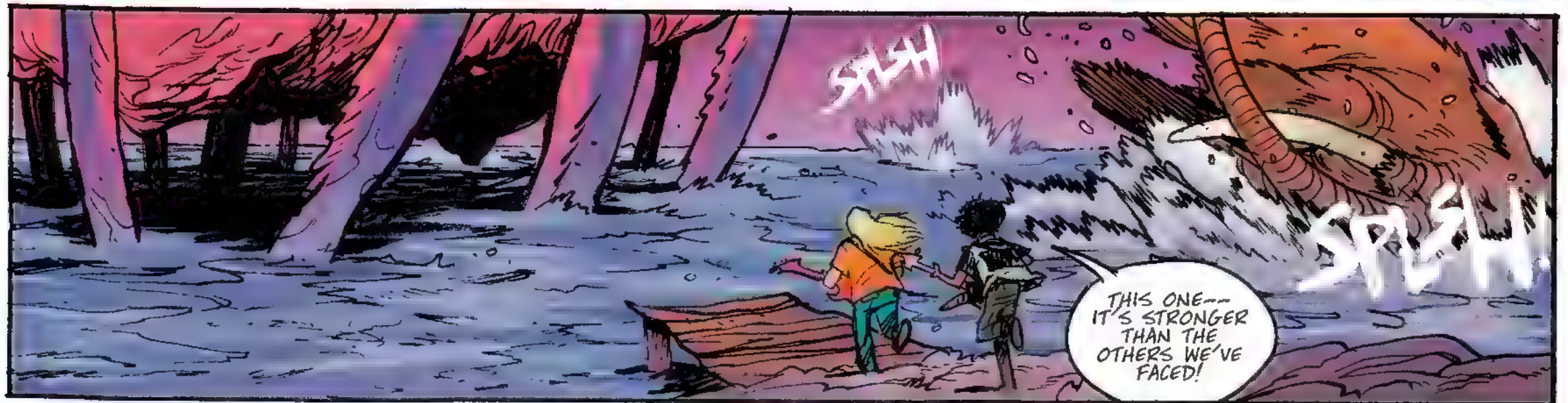
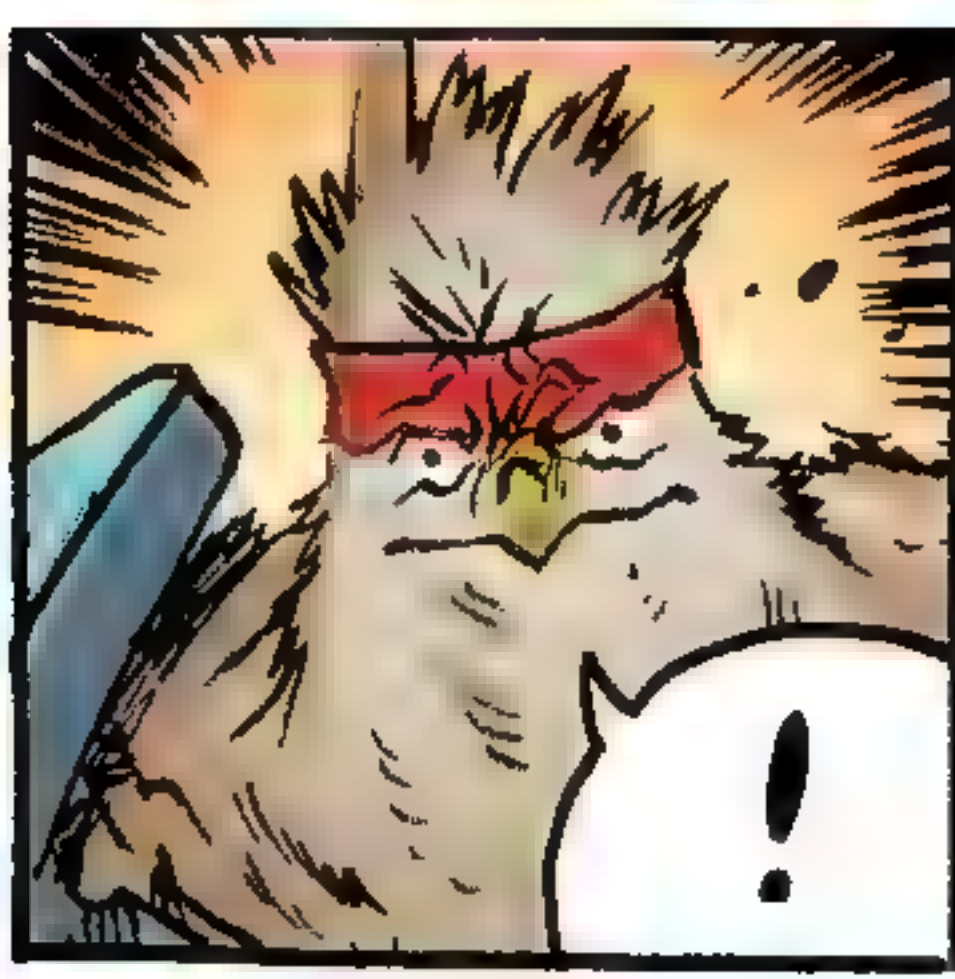


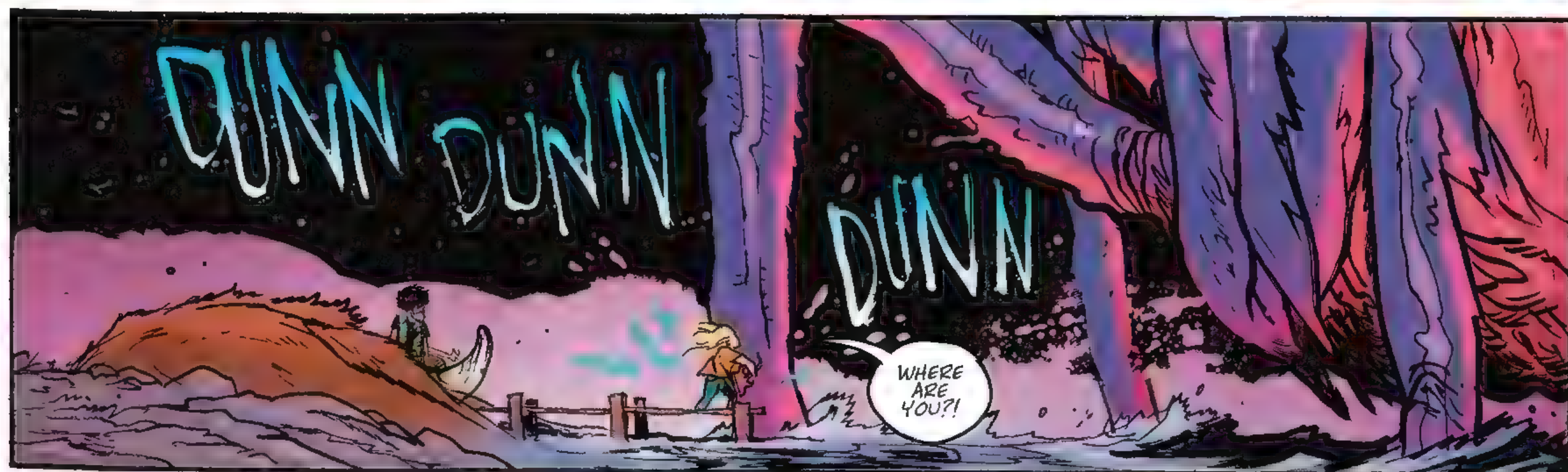


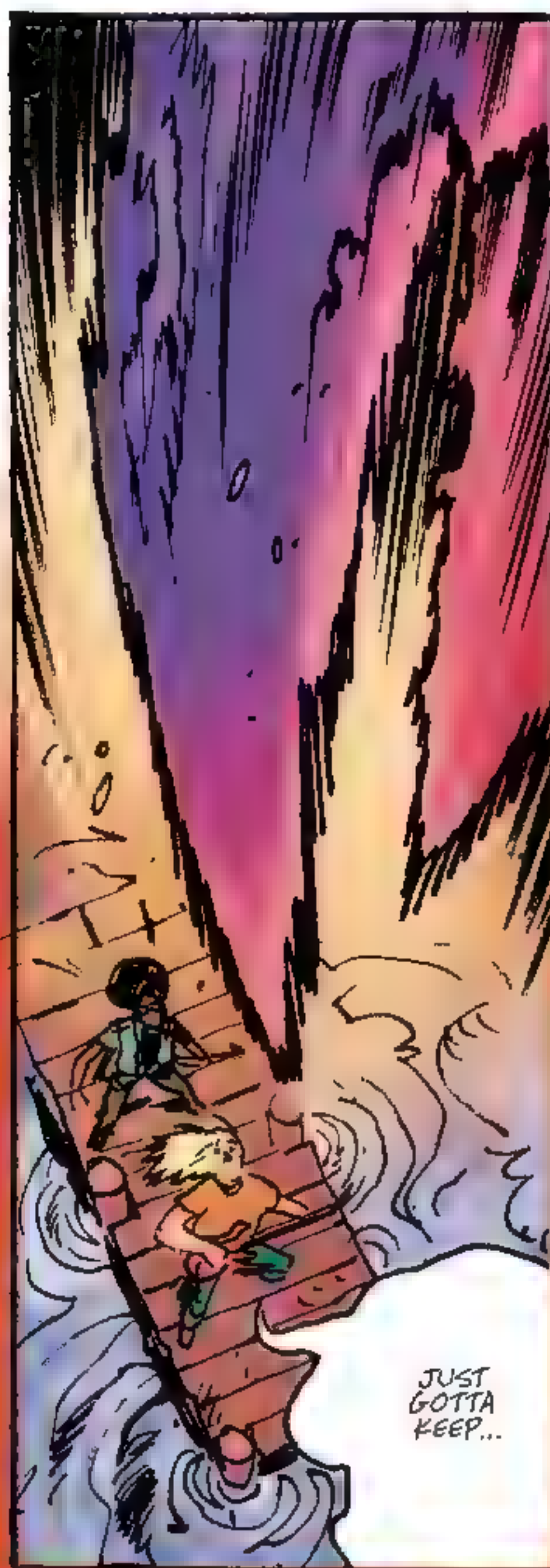
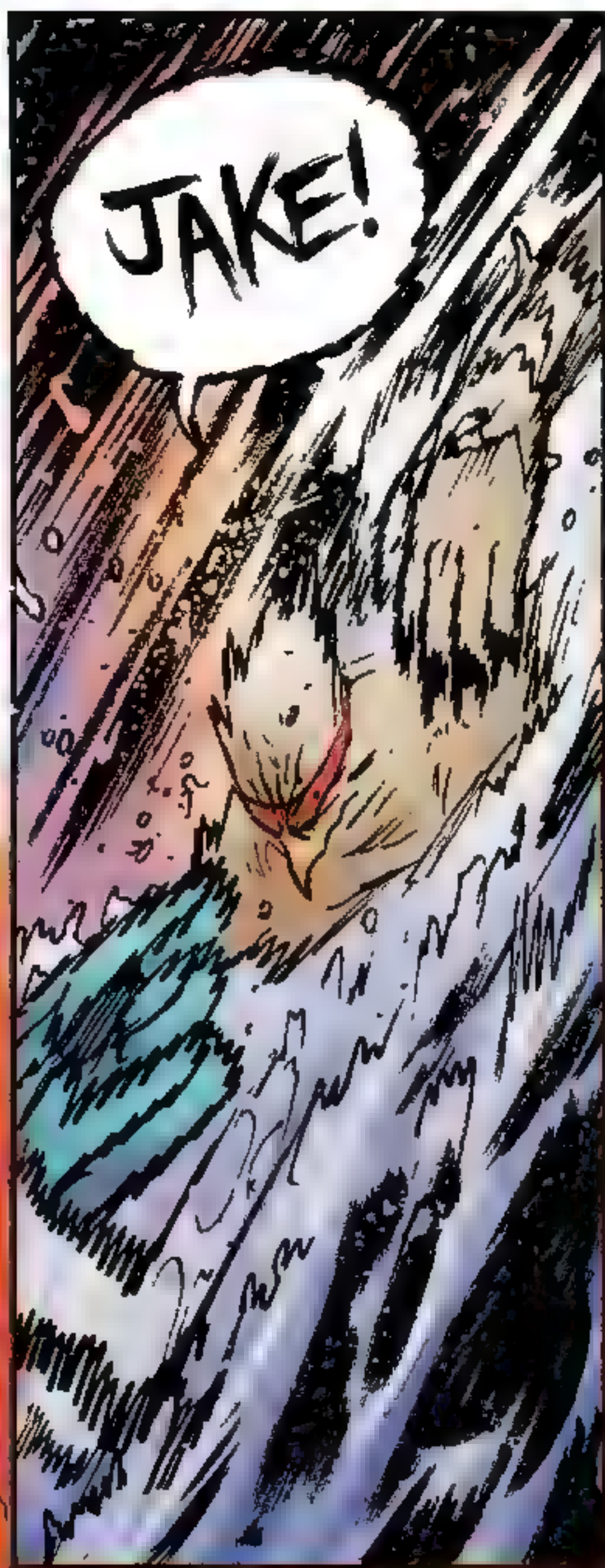
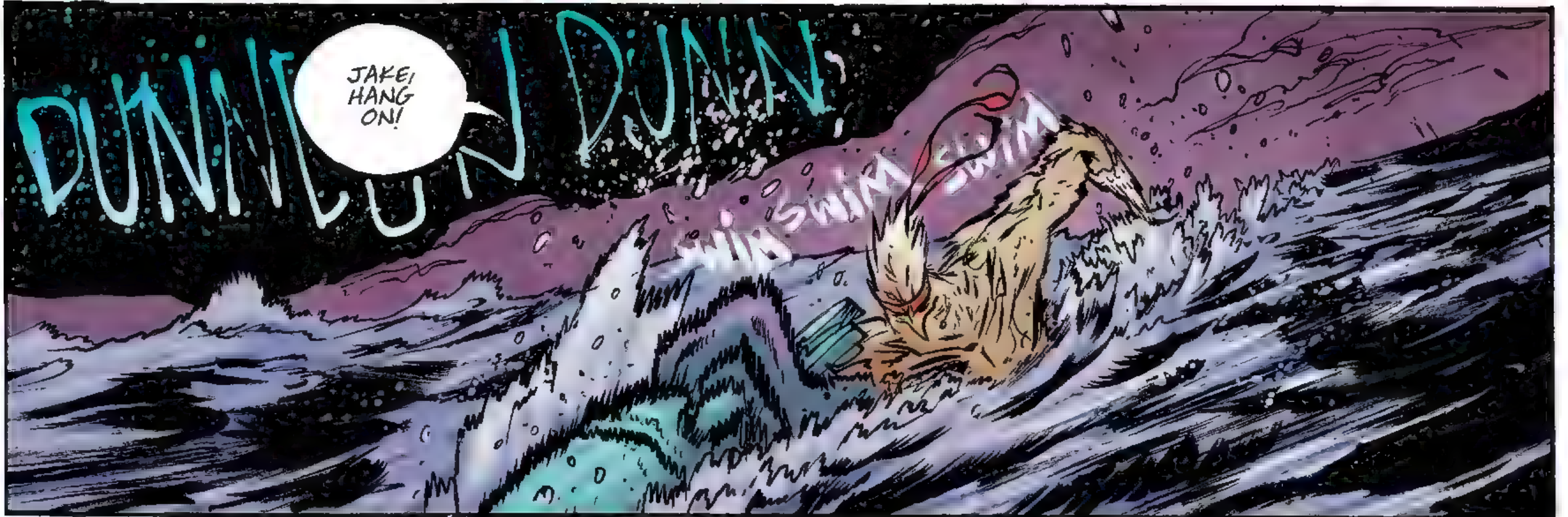






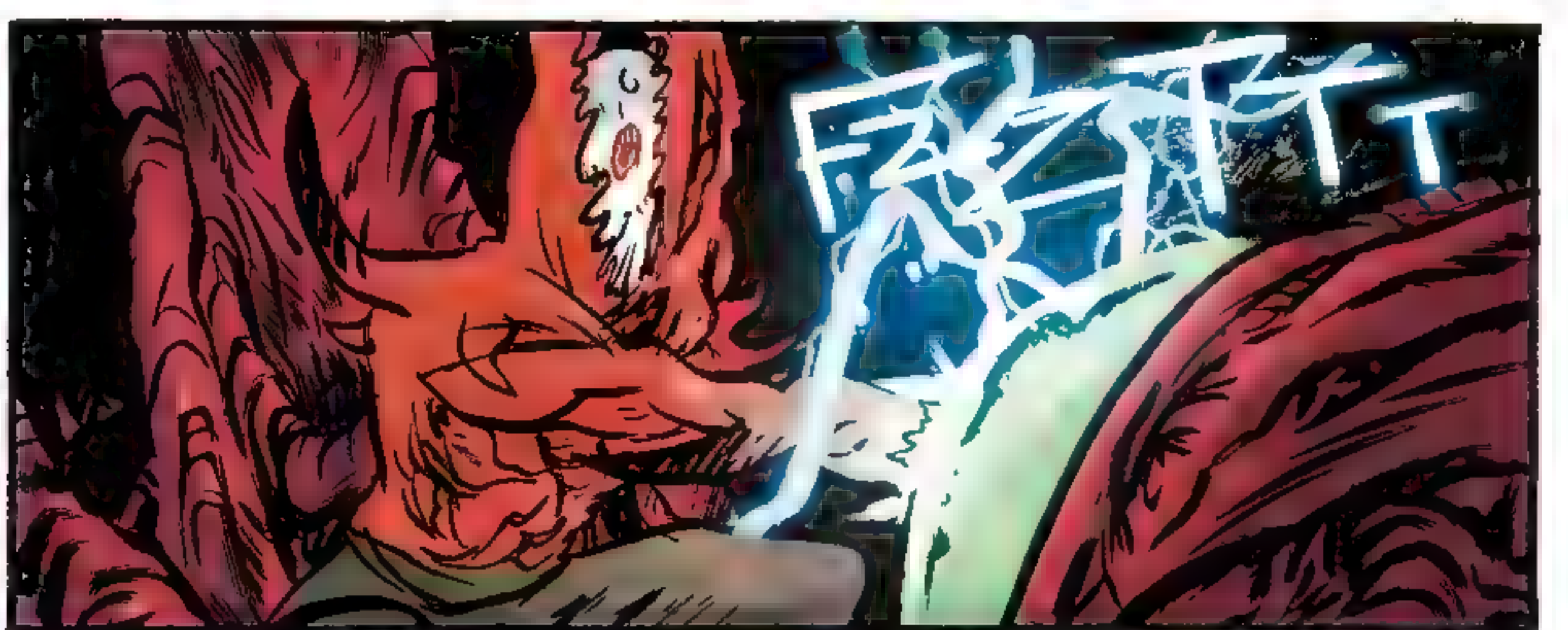
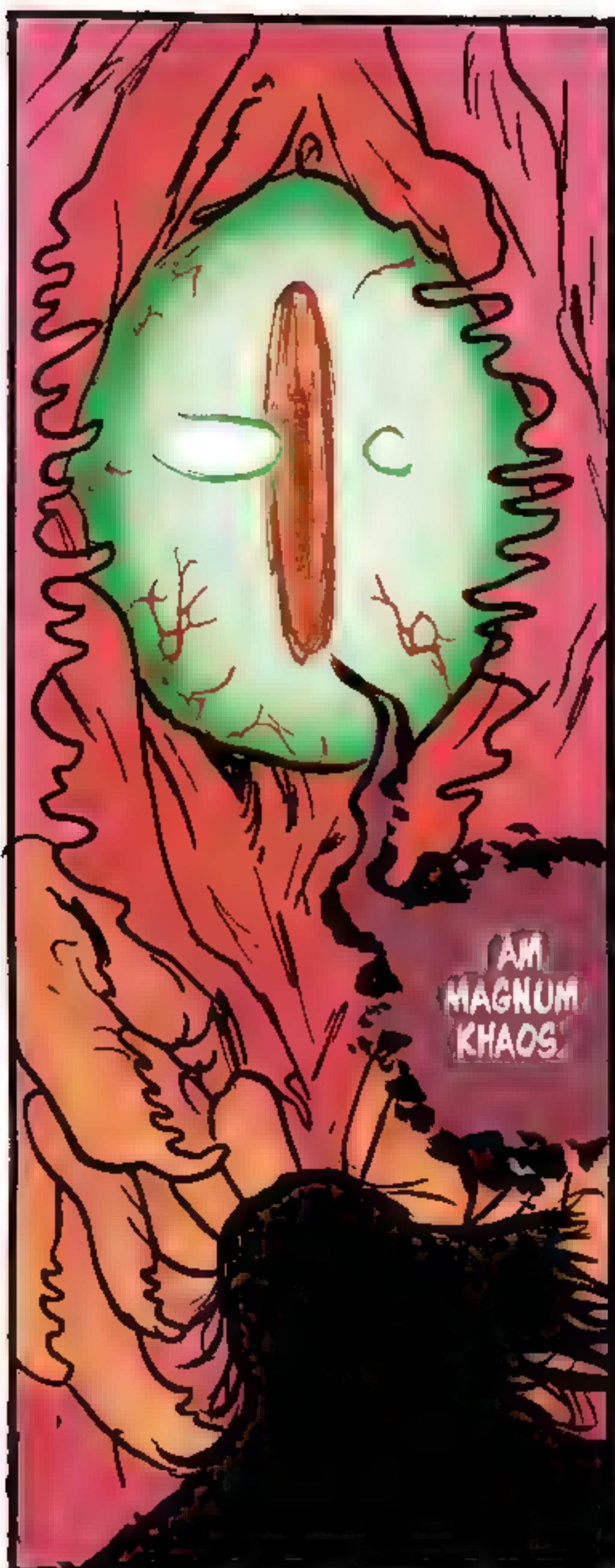


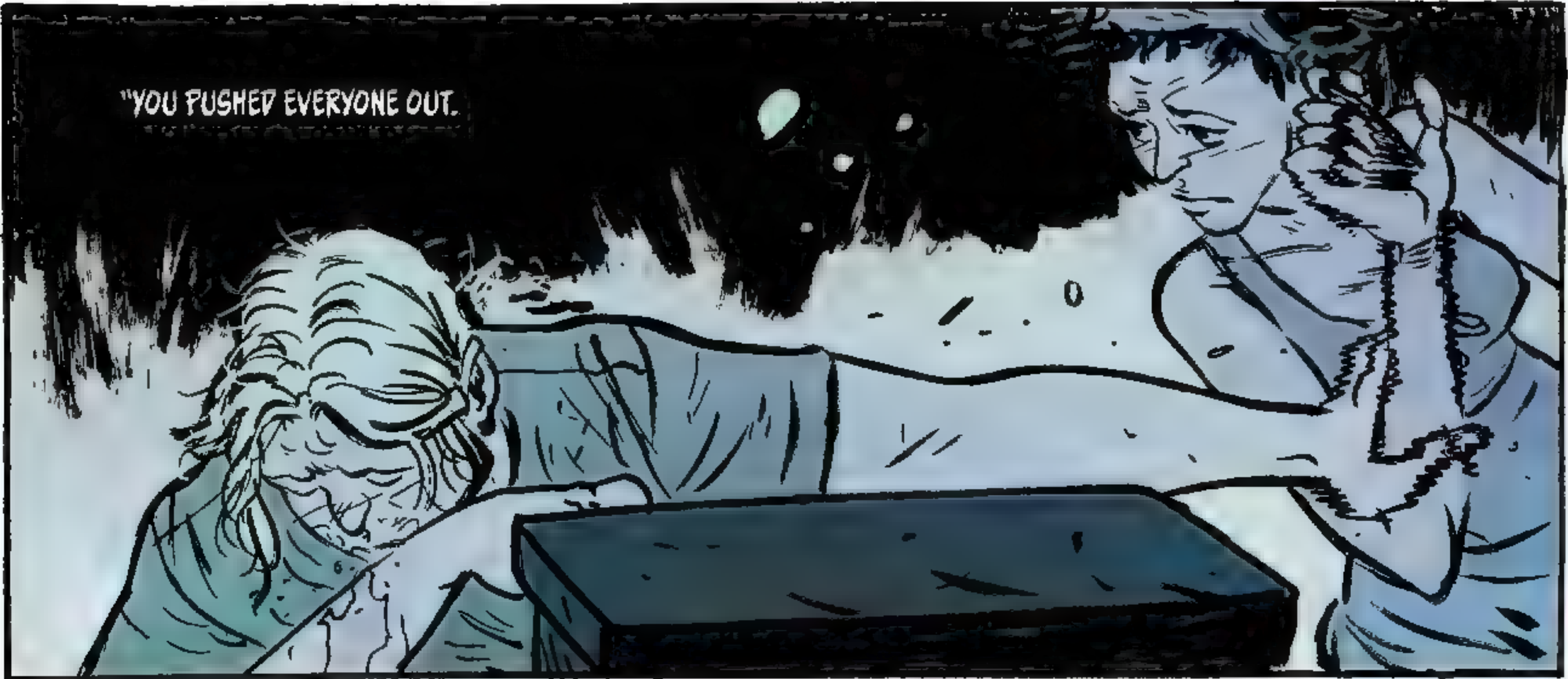
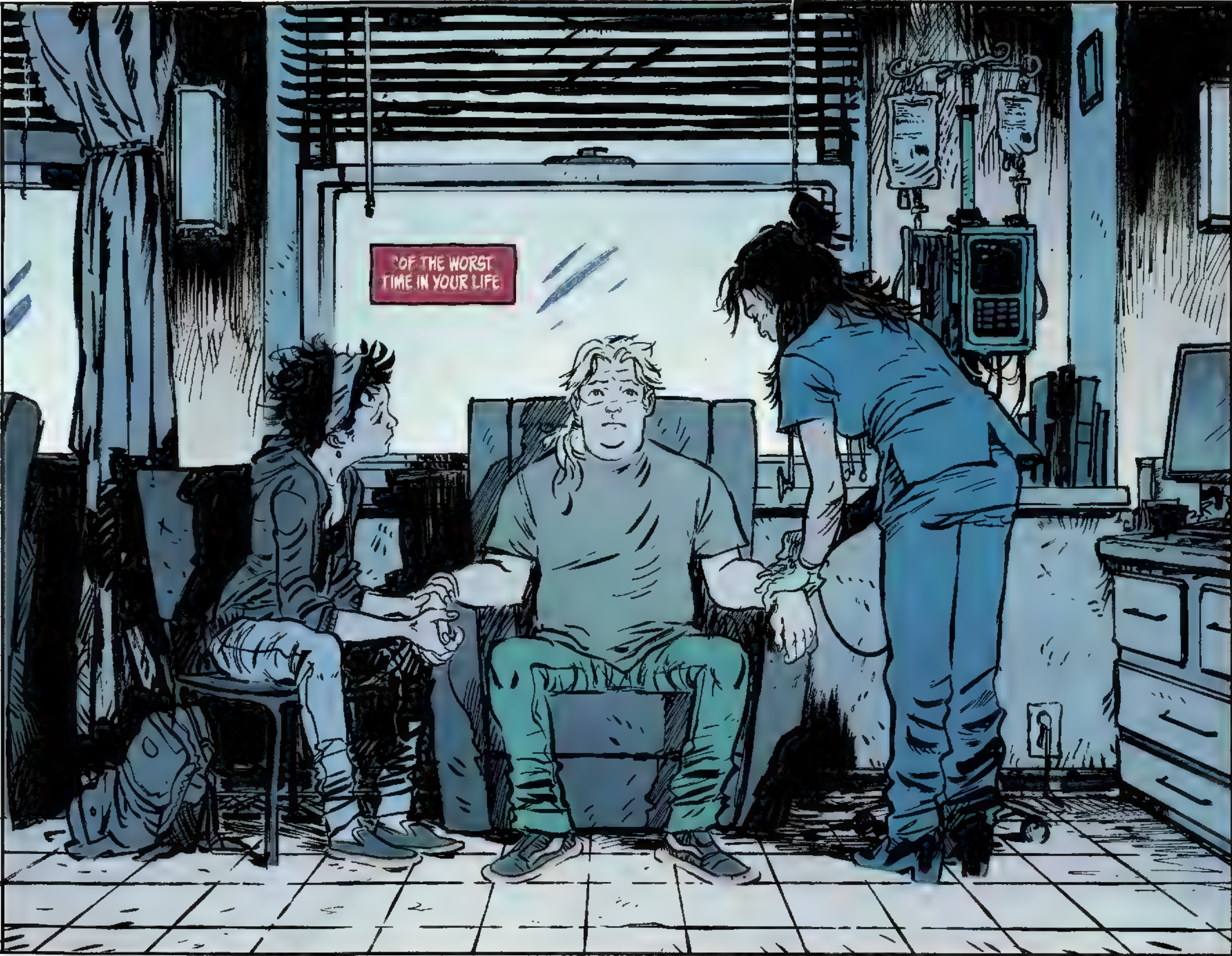
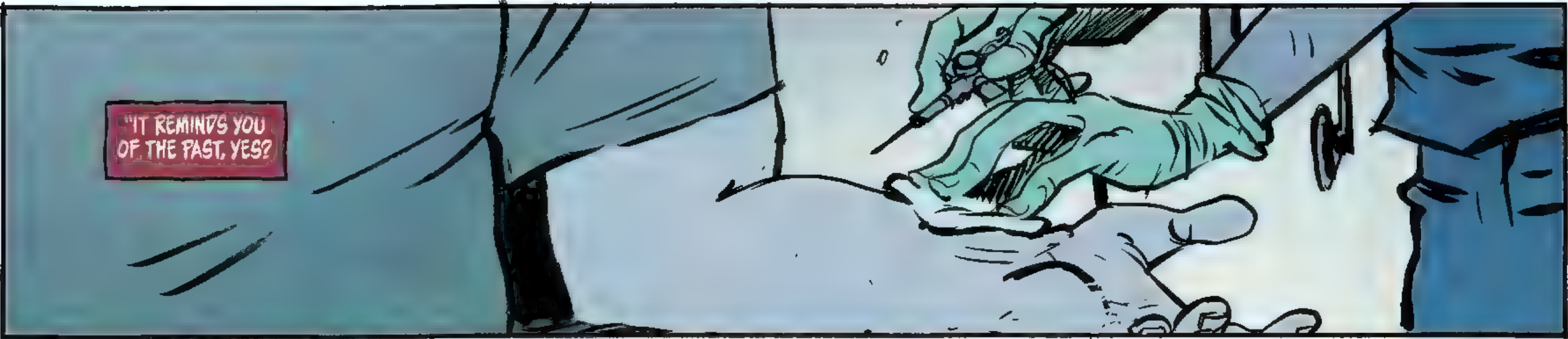


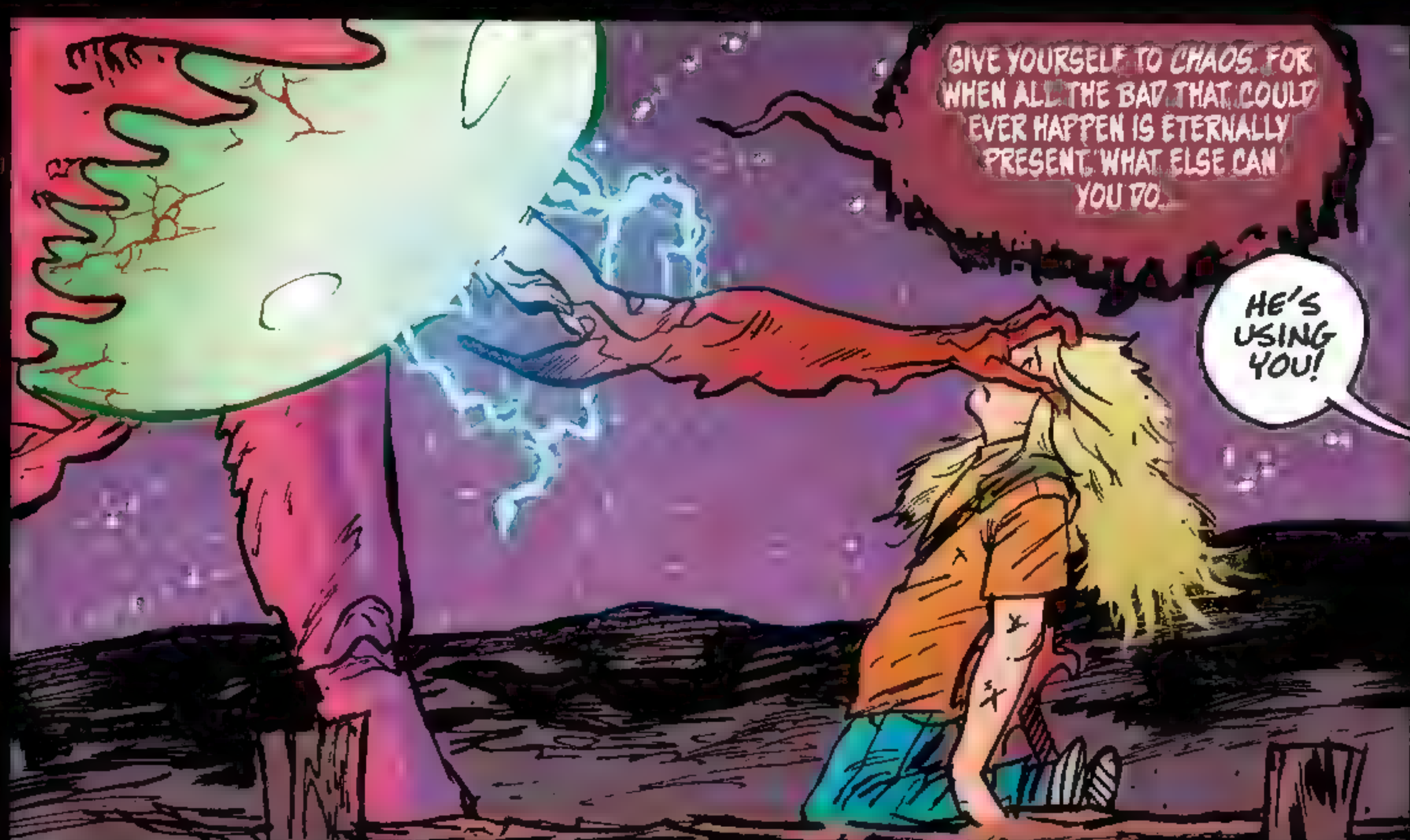
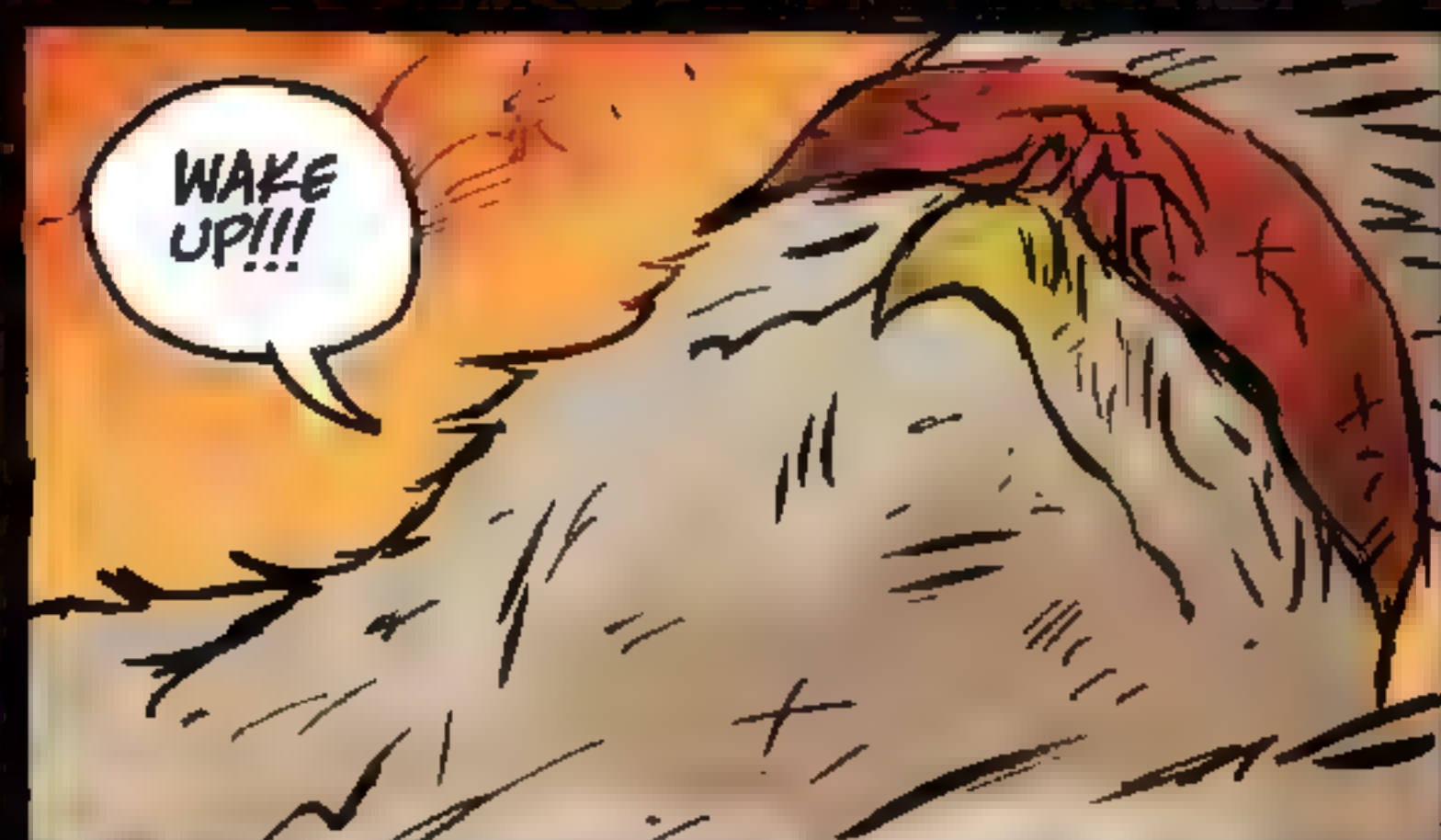


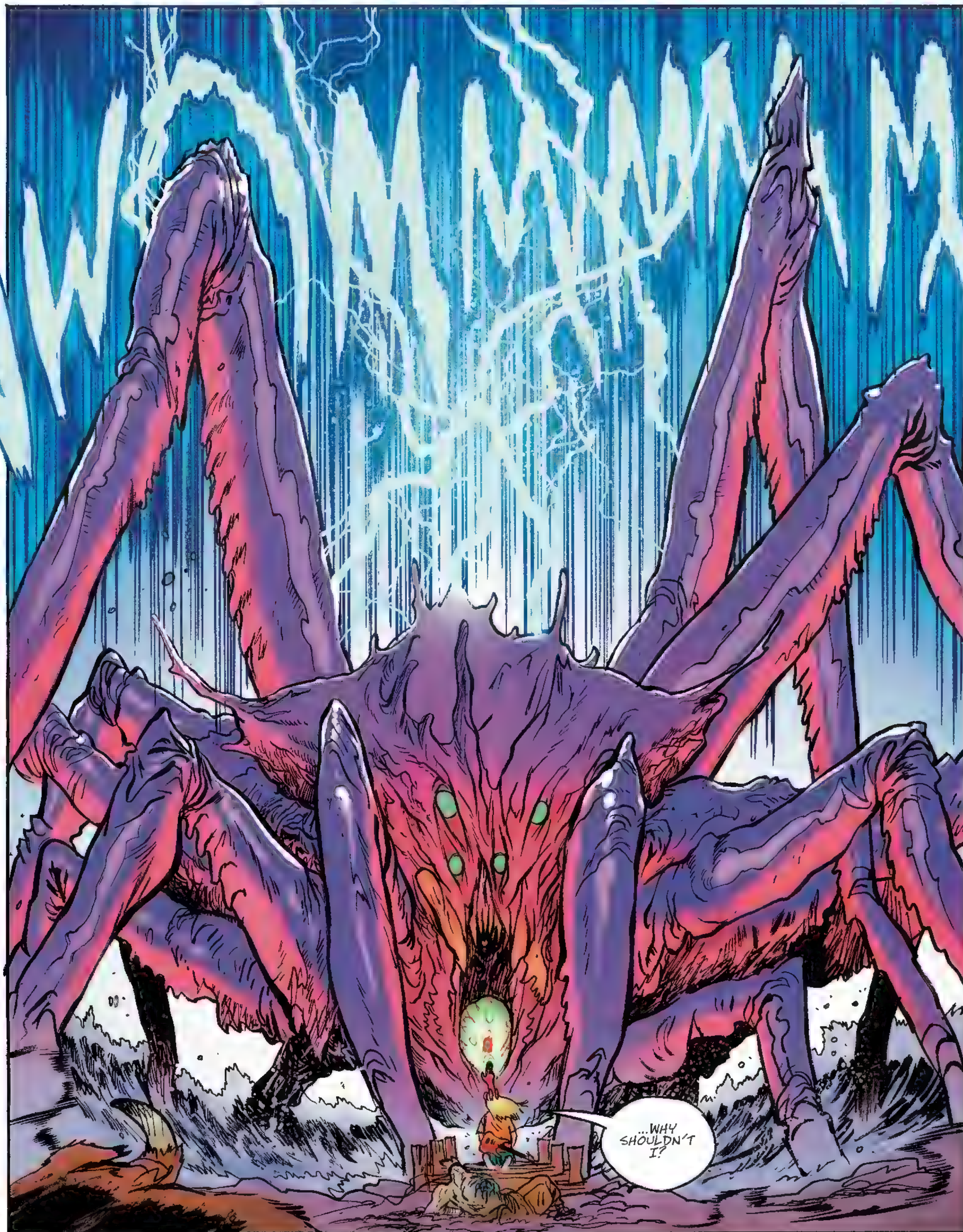


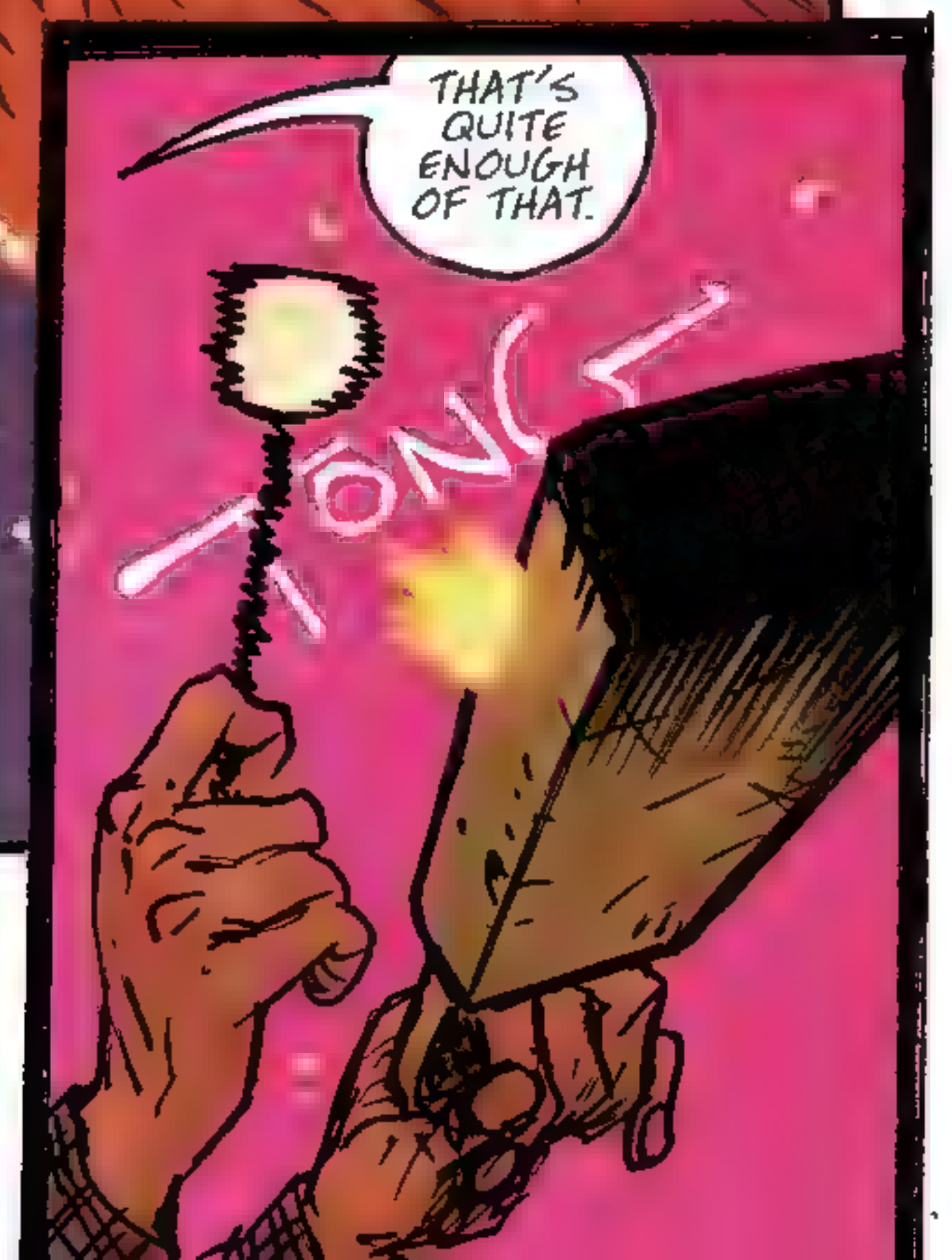
NO MORE
TRICKS. NO MORE
TOYS. NO MORE
INTERRUPTIONS.



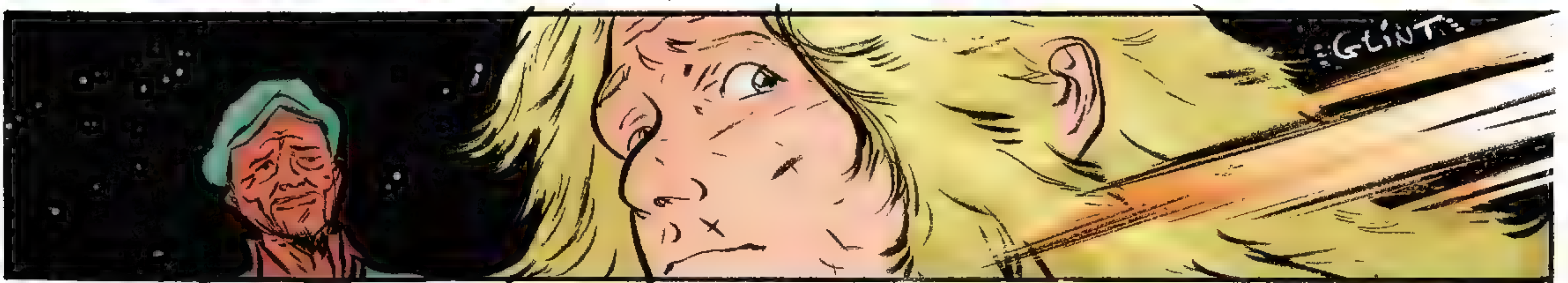
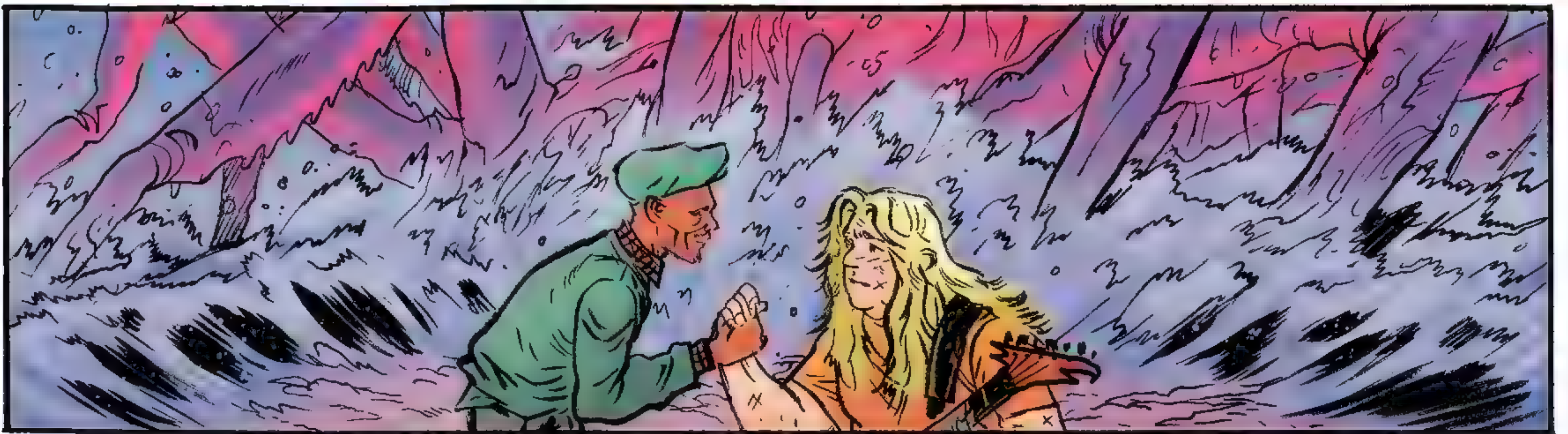
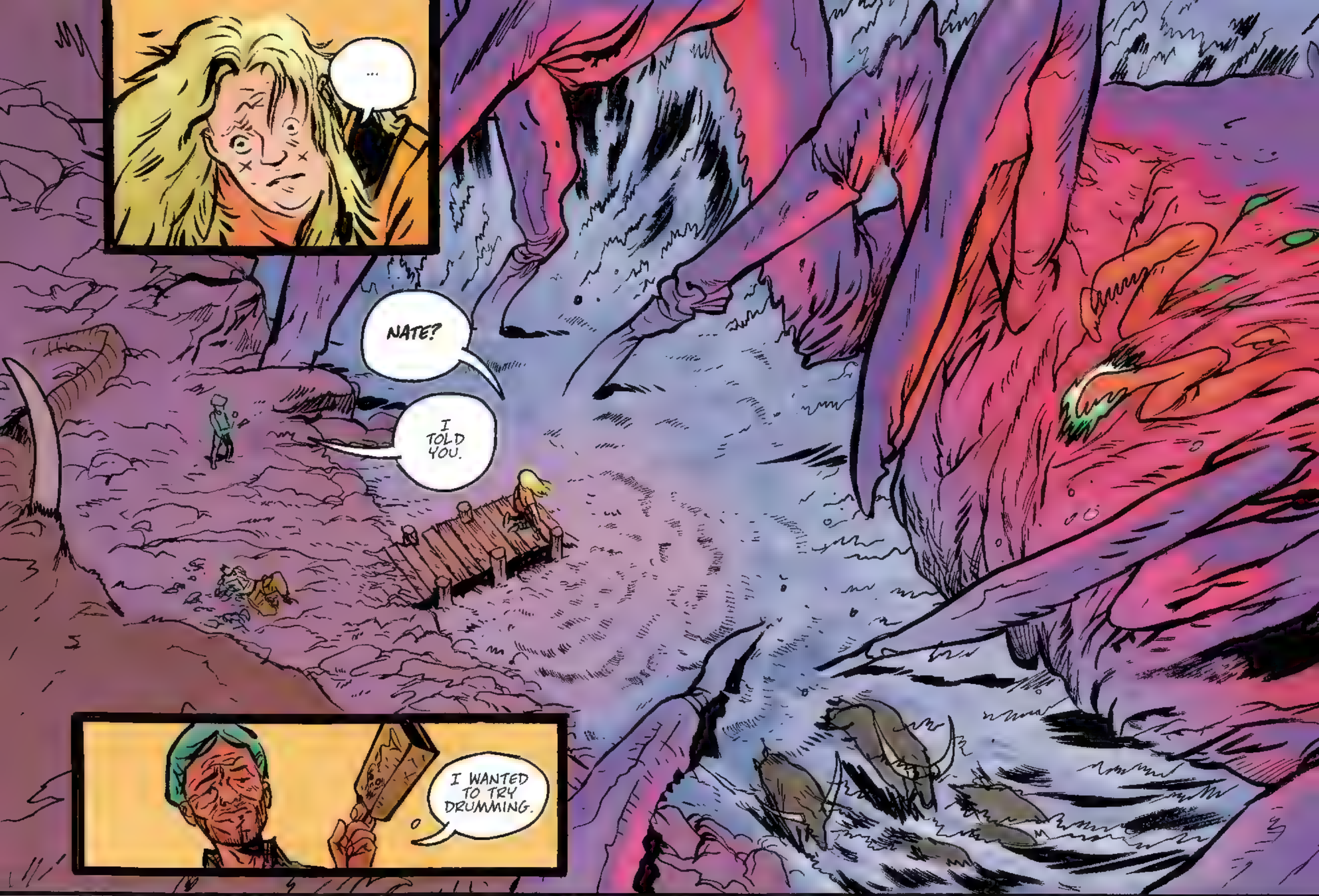


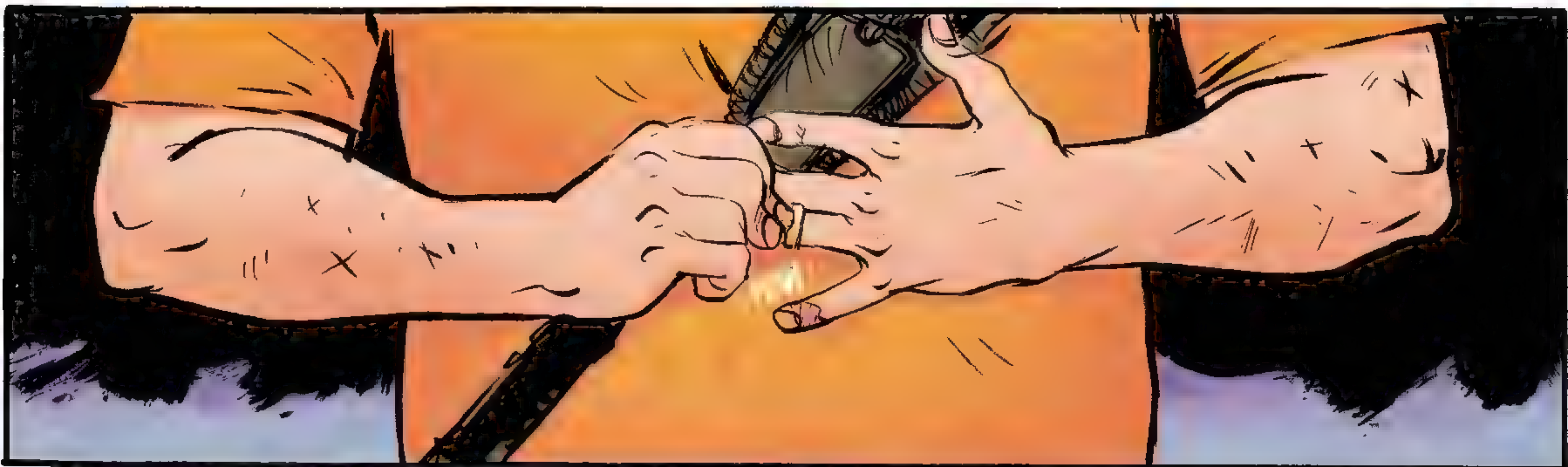
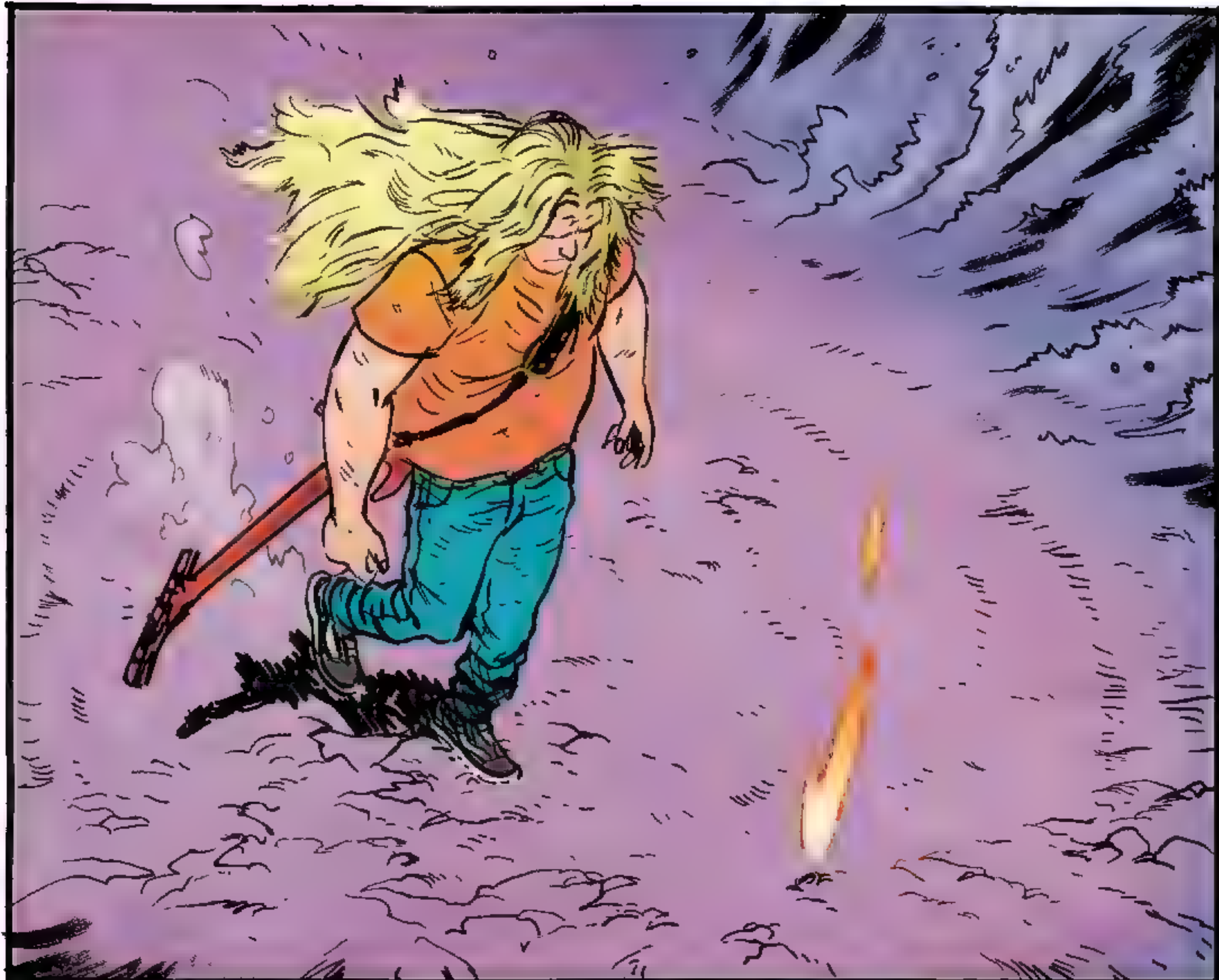
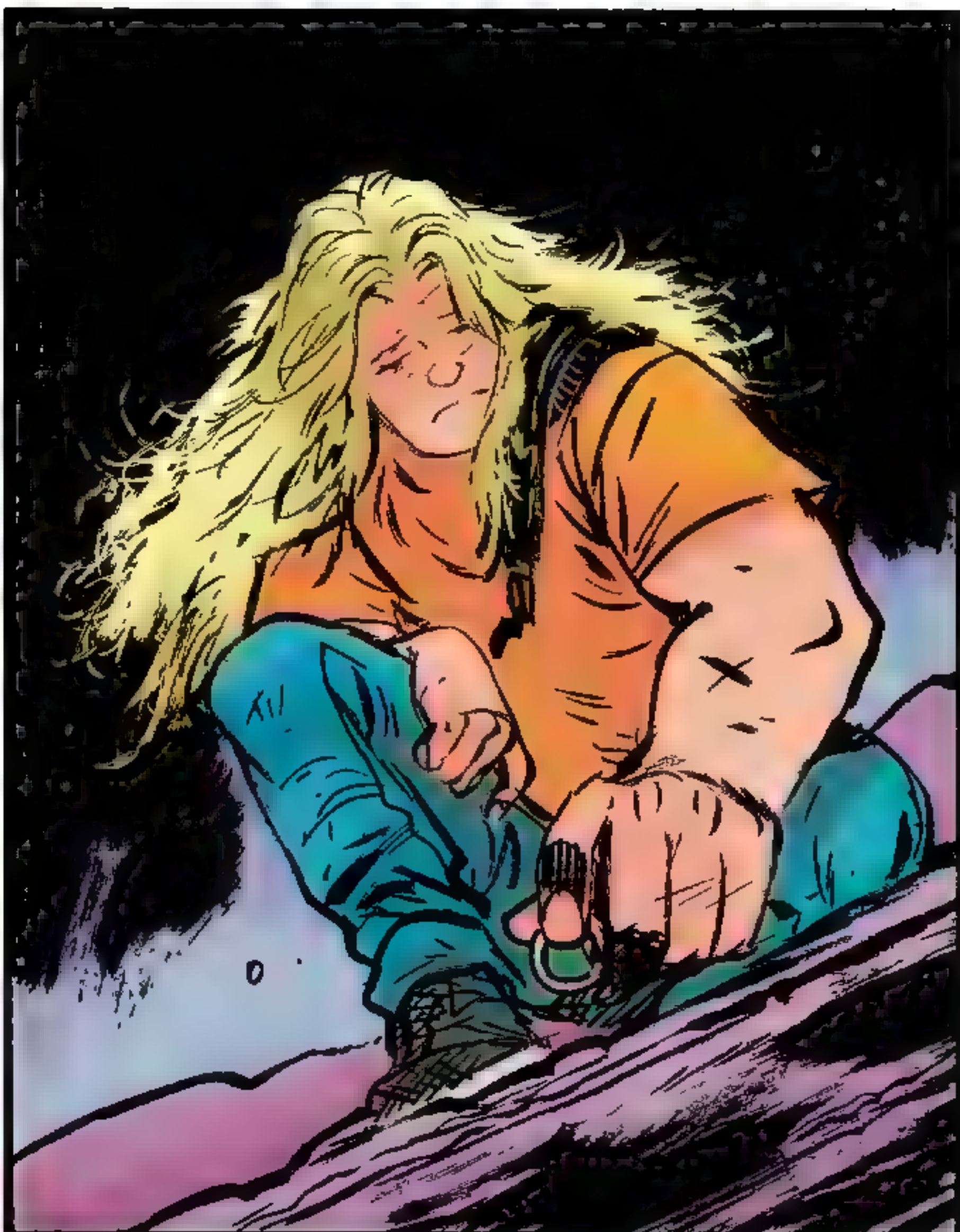


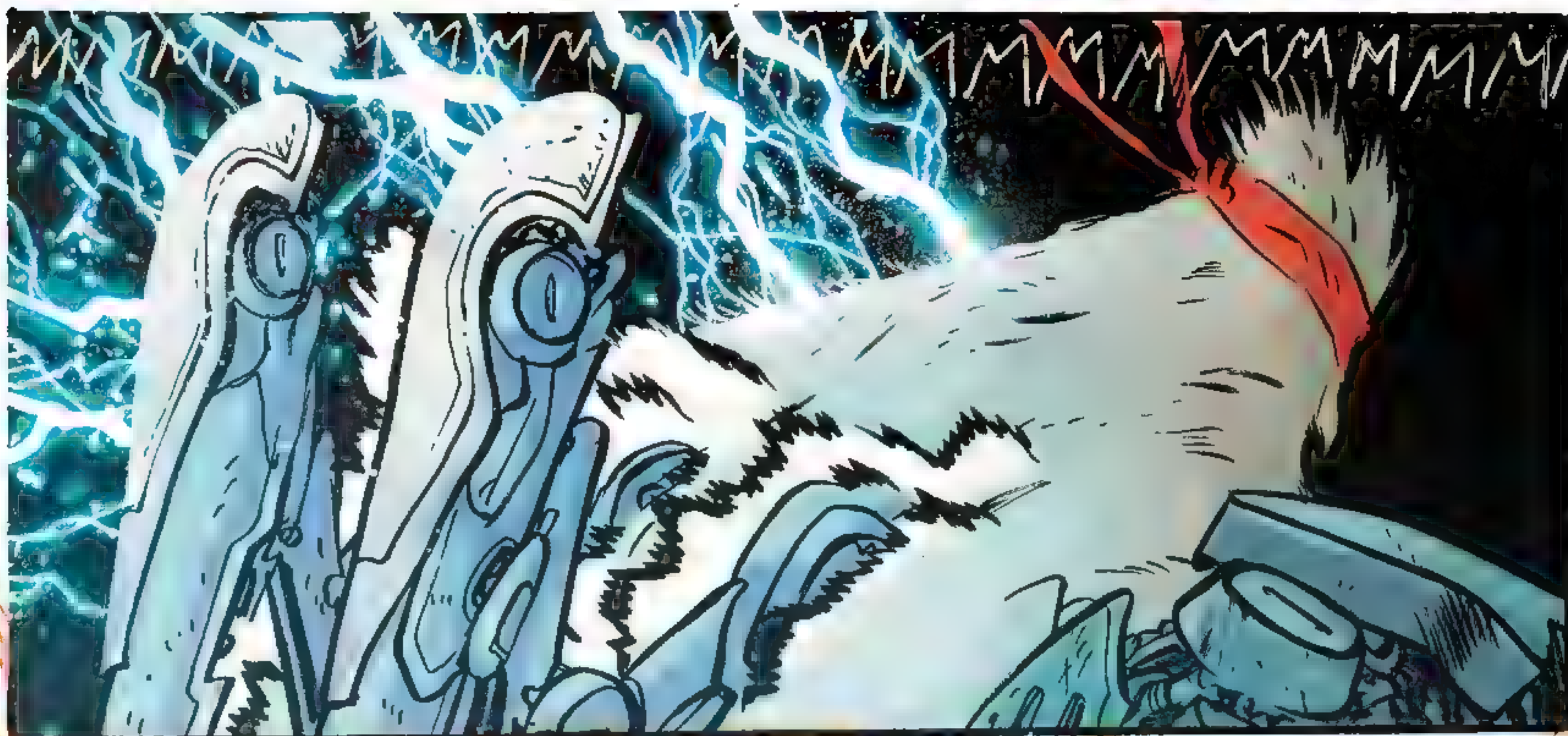
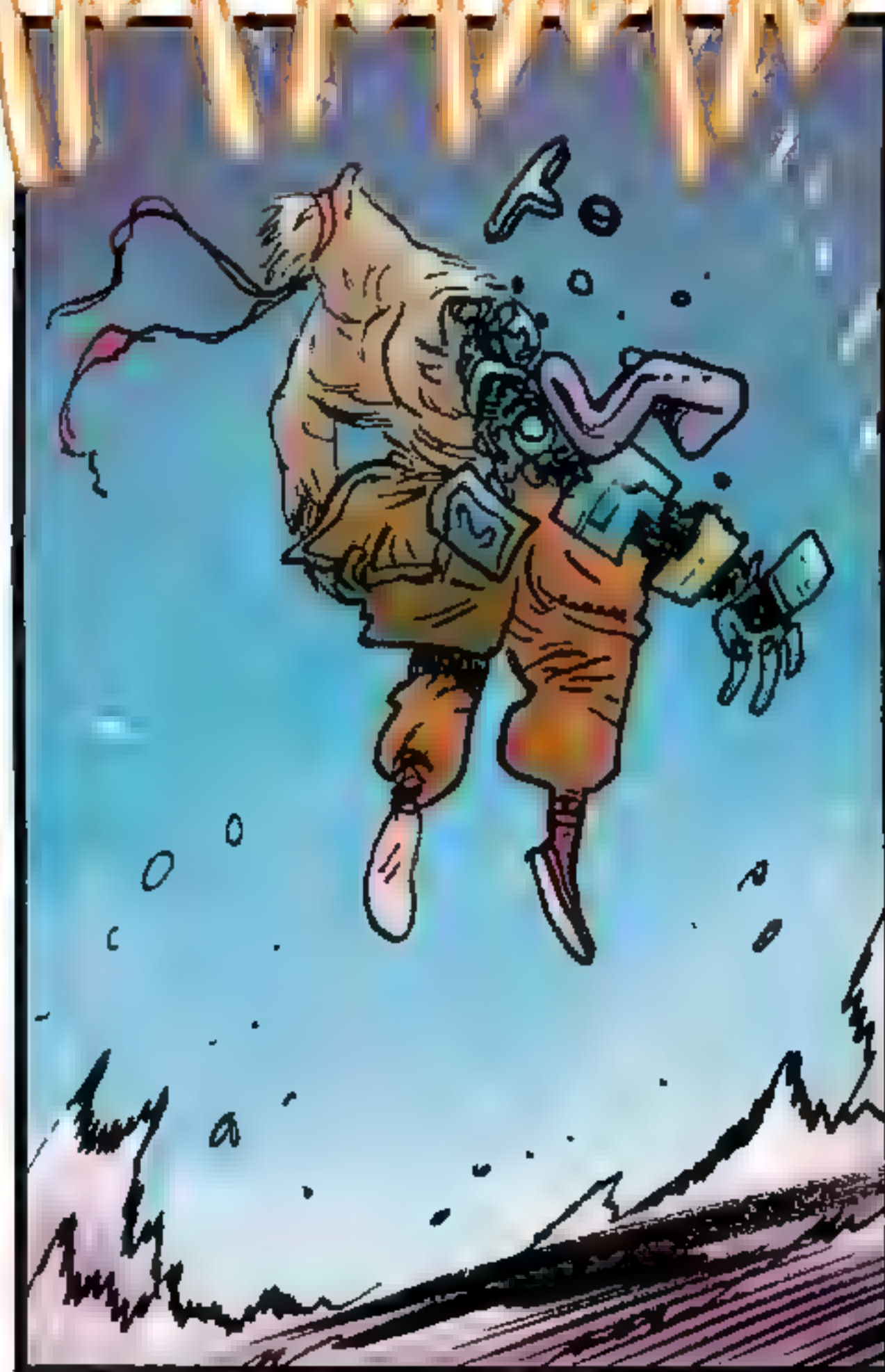
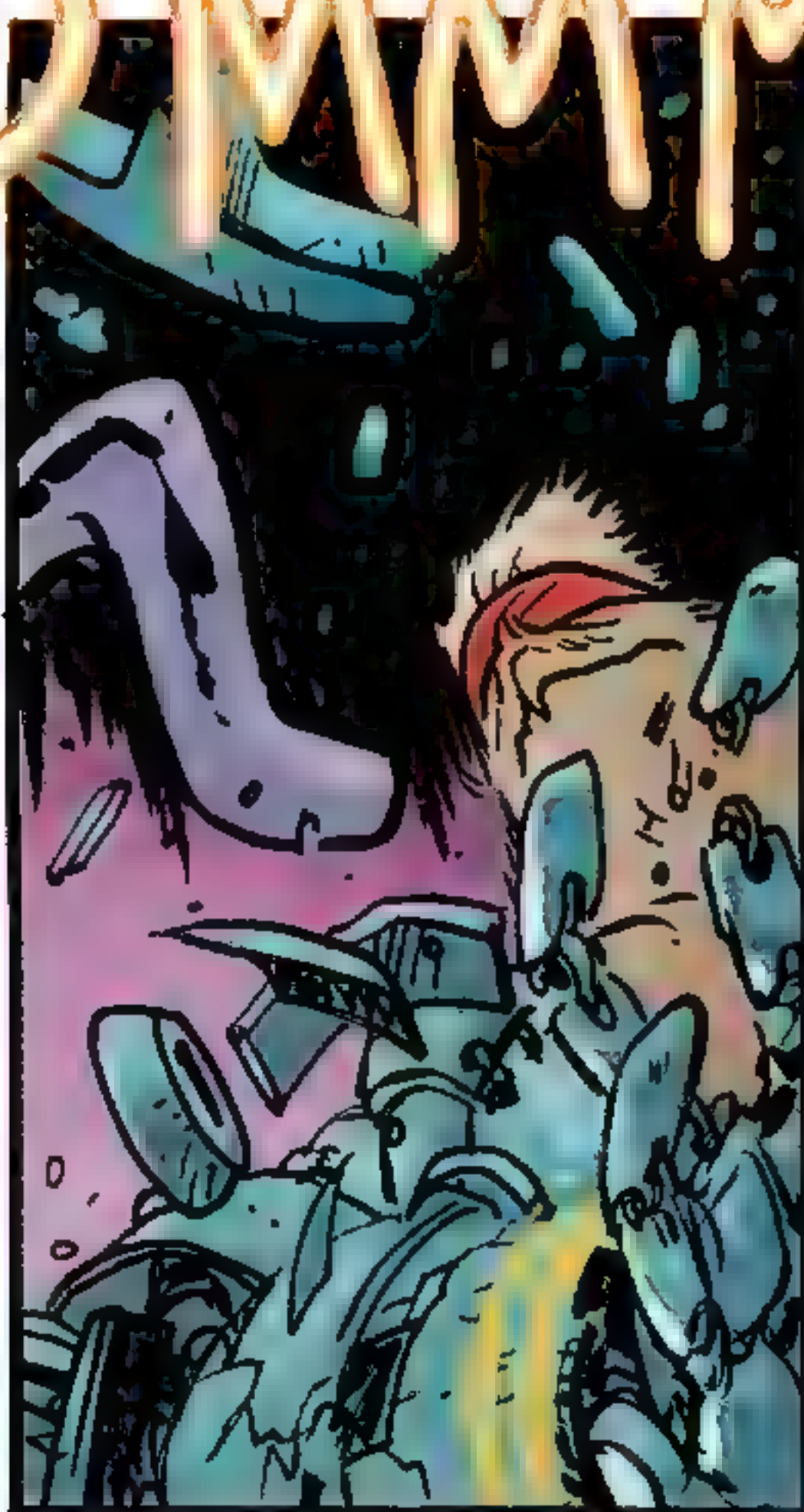




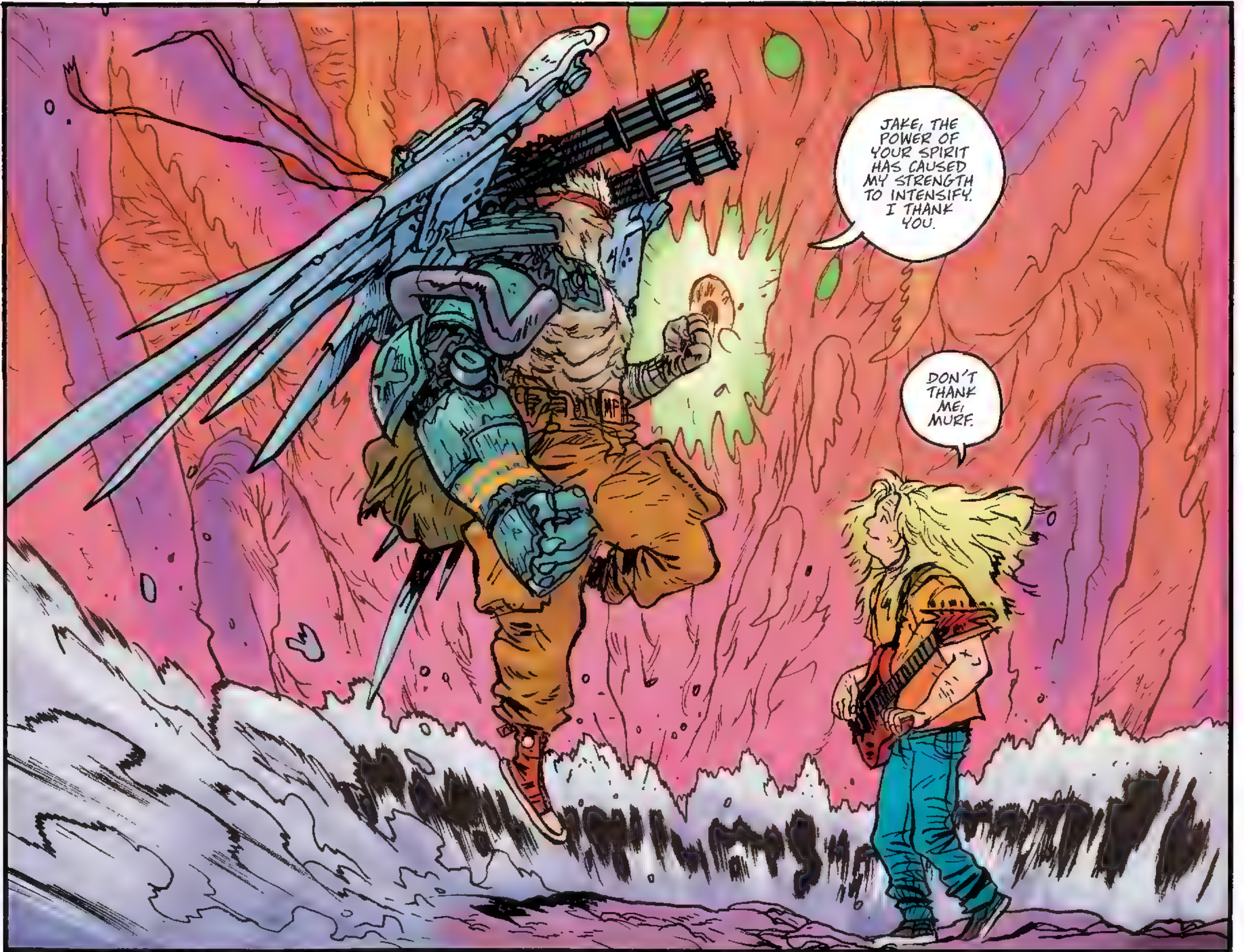








A full-page illustration of a character in a dynamic pose, wearing a brown jumpsuit with 'MF' on the belt, and large, metallic, wing-like structures on their back. The character is surrounded by a bright, orange and yellow energy field. The background is a dark, rocky landscape with a large, stylized 'MEGA FORM!' text in the upper right corner.





WHRRRRRR

SPIT

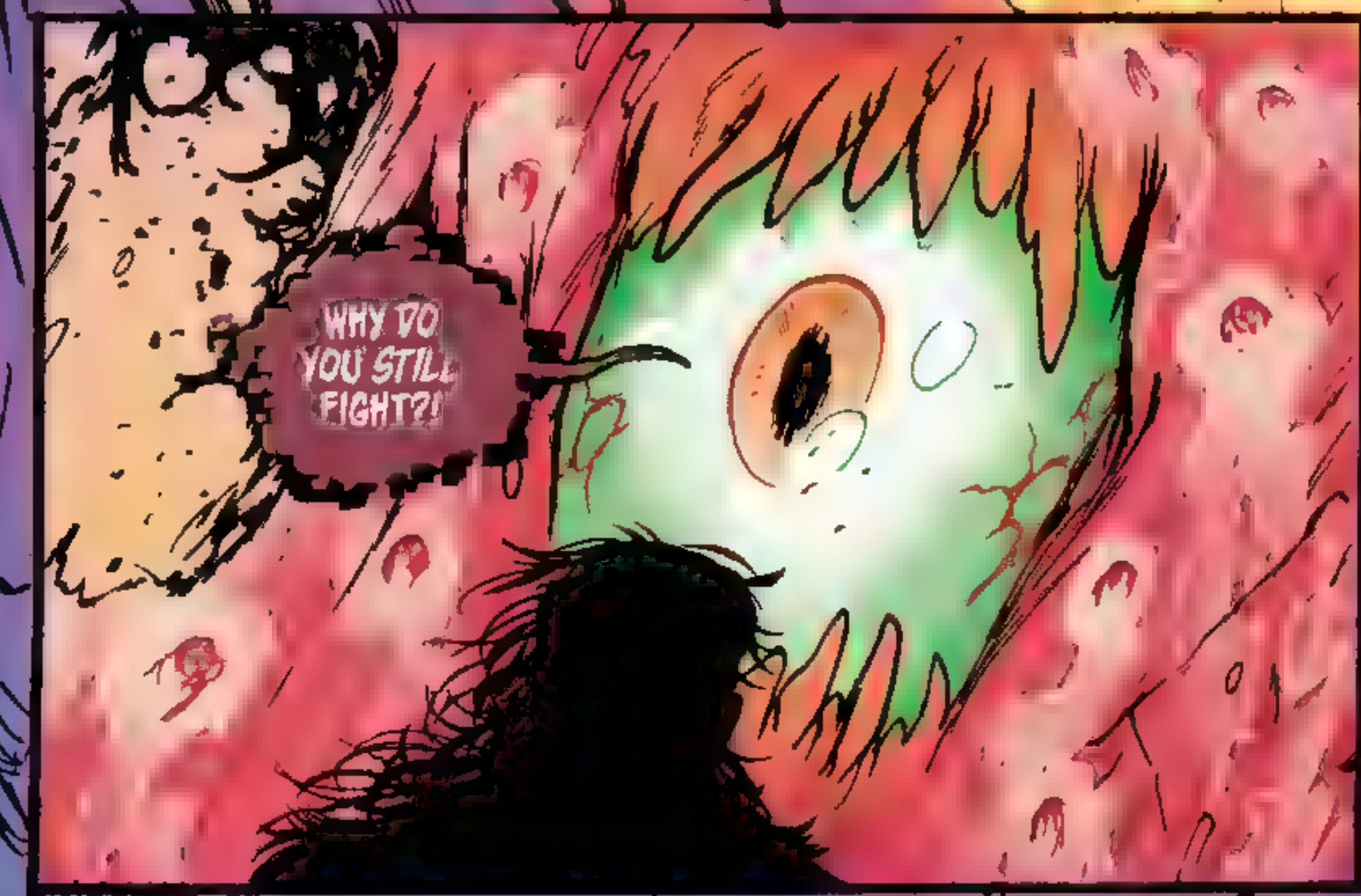
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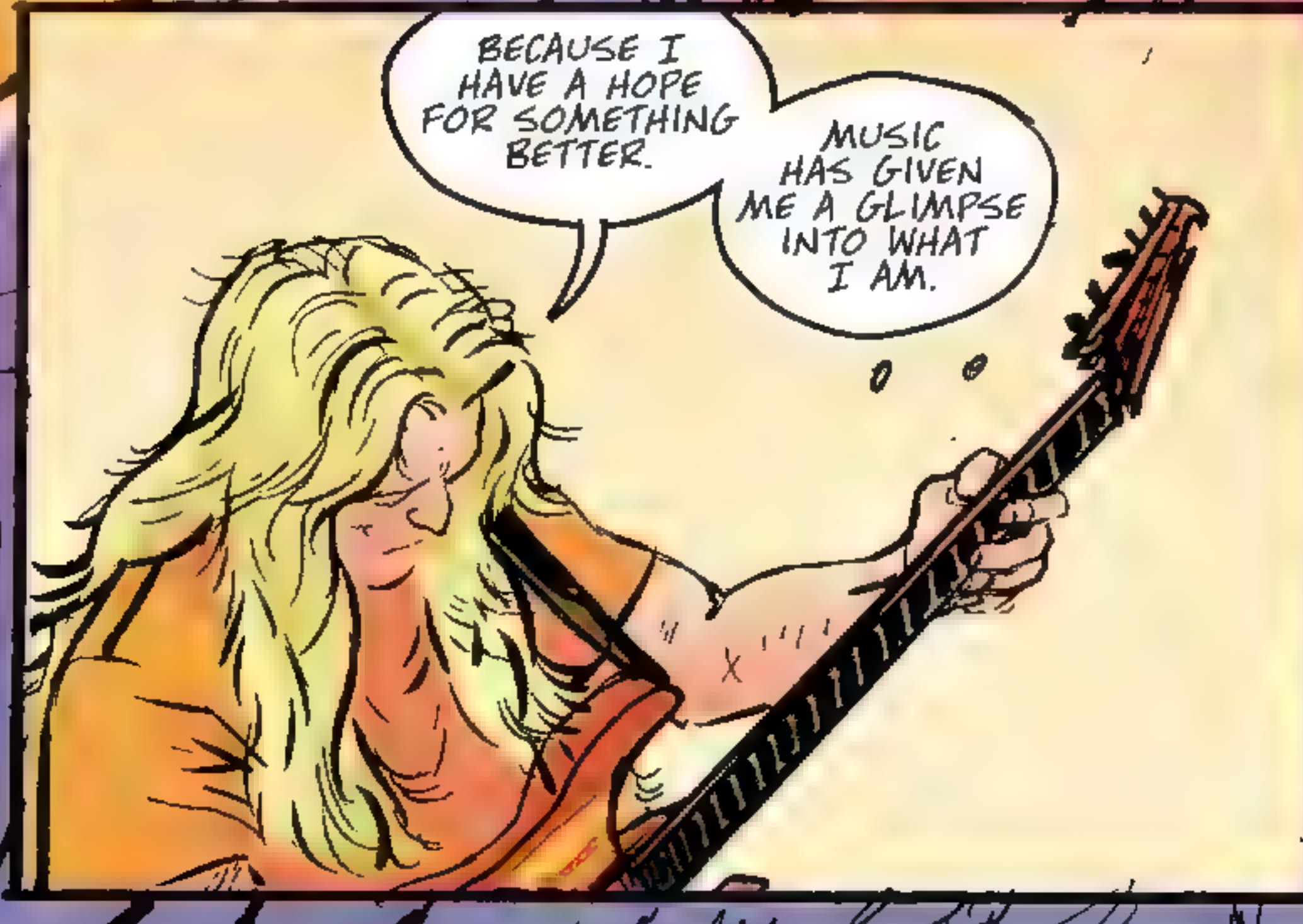
BOO



YOU FOOL!
I HAVE WON!

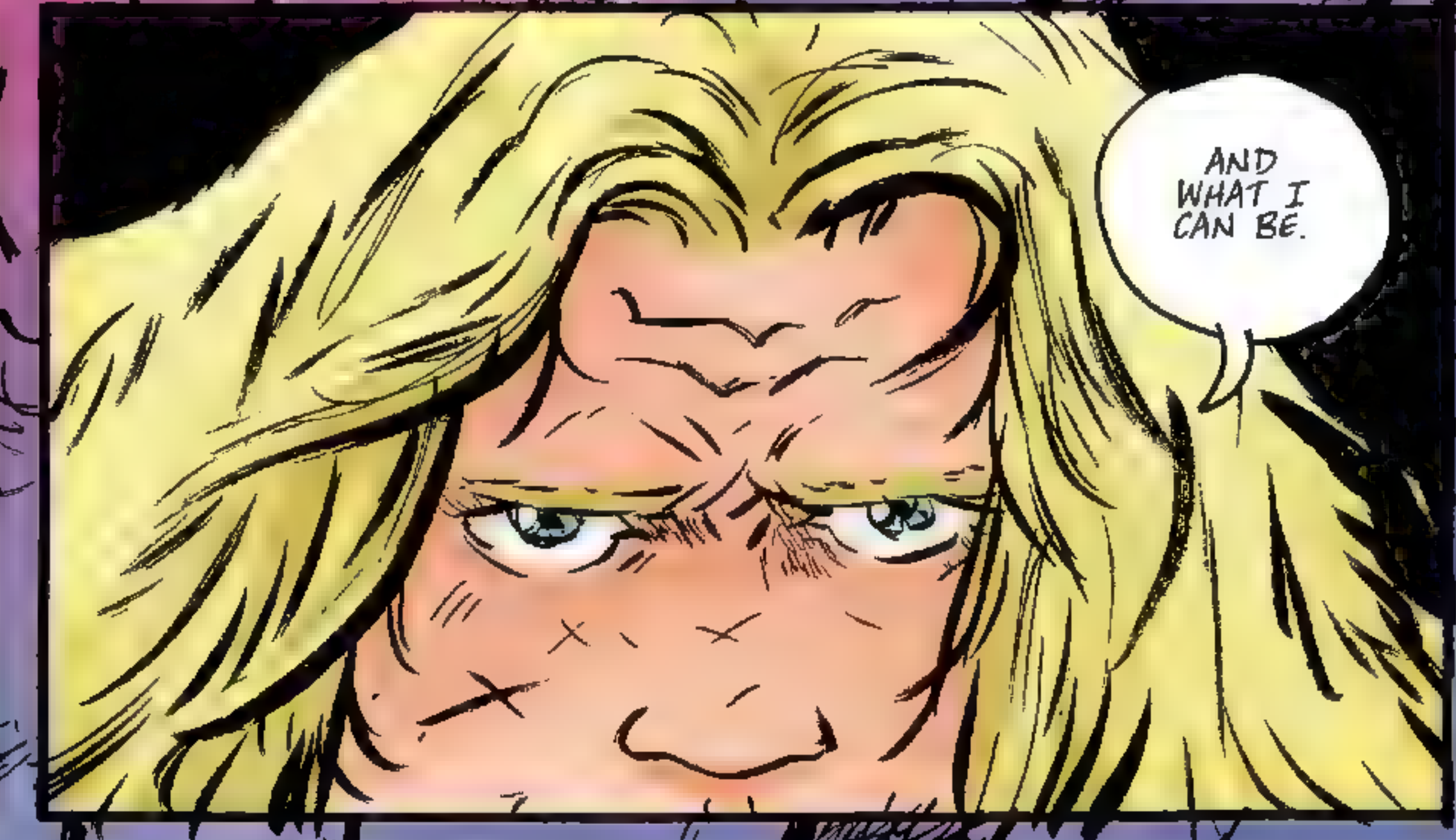


WHY DO
YOU STILL
FIGHT?!

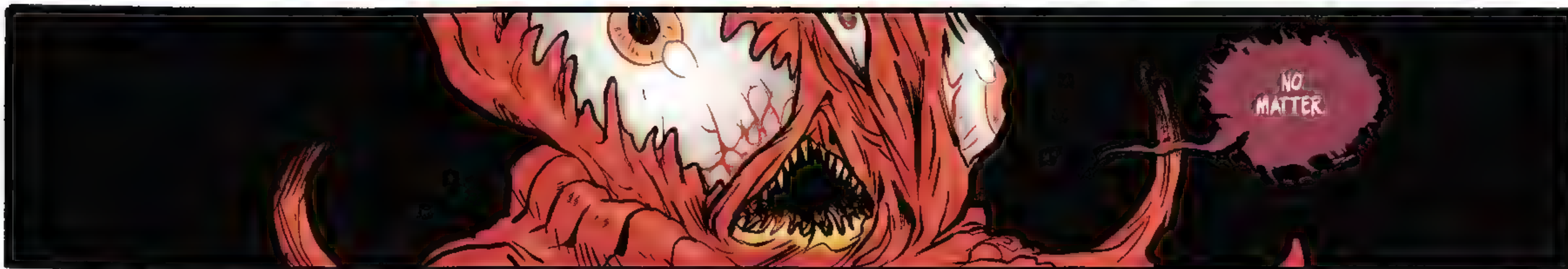


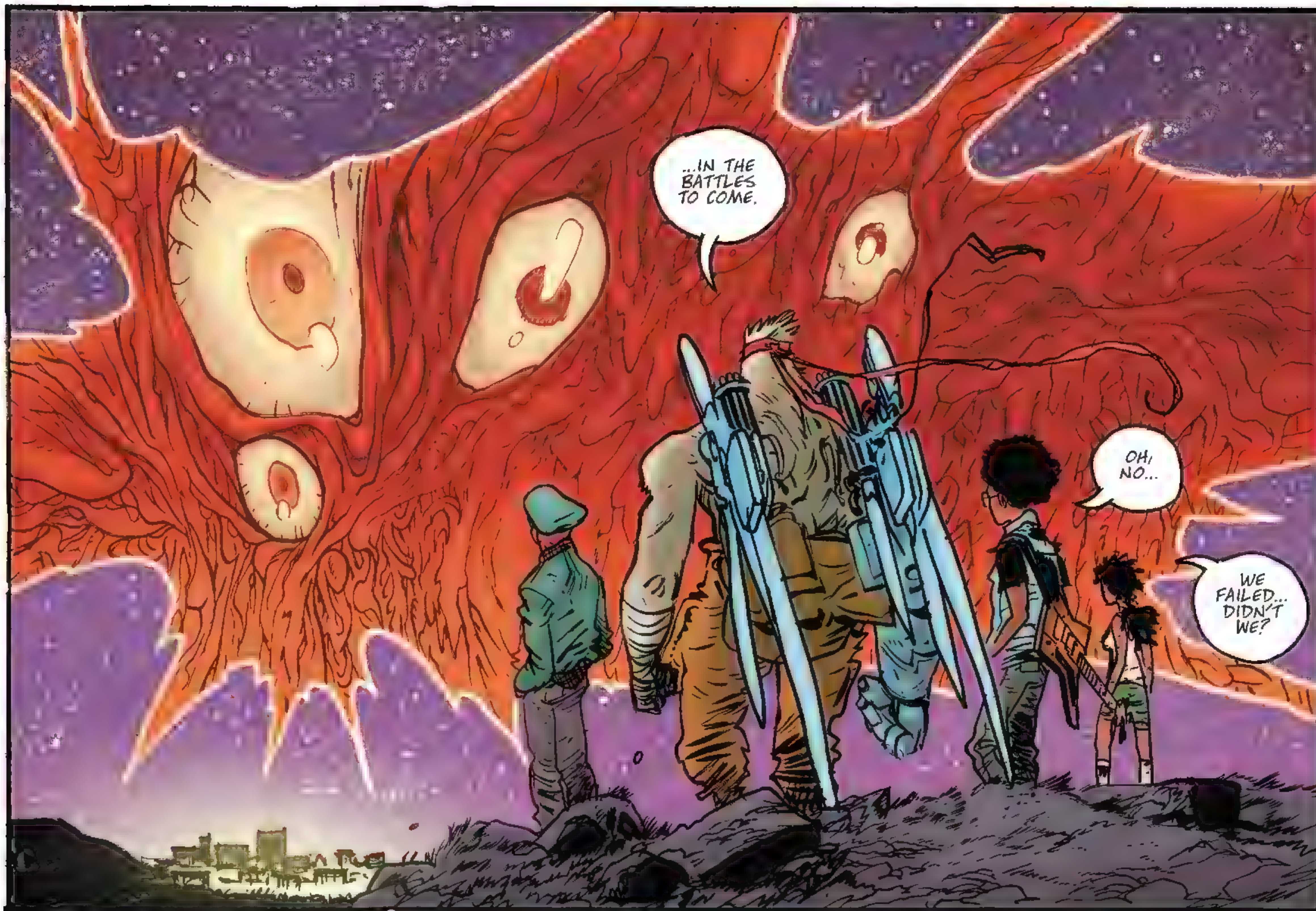
BECAUSE I
HAVE A HOPE
FOR SOMETHING
BETTER.

MUSIC
HAS GIVEN
ME A GLIMPSE
INTO WHAT
I AM.



AND
WHAT I
CAN BE.





...IN THE
BATTLES
TO COME.

OH,
NO...

WE
FAILED...
DIDN'T
WE?



YES.



BUT IF JAKE HAS
PROVEN ANYTHING
TODAY... IT'S THAT
HE'S NOT AFRAID TO
STAND UP AND
FIGHT.



WE'LL
BE RIGHT
BESIDE
HIM.

AMEN
TO
THAT.

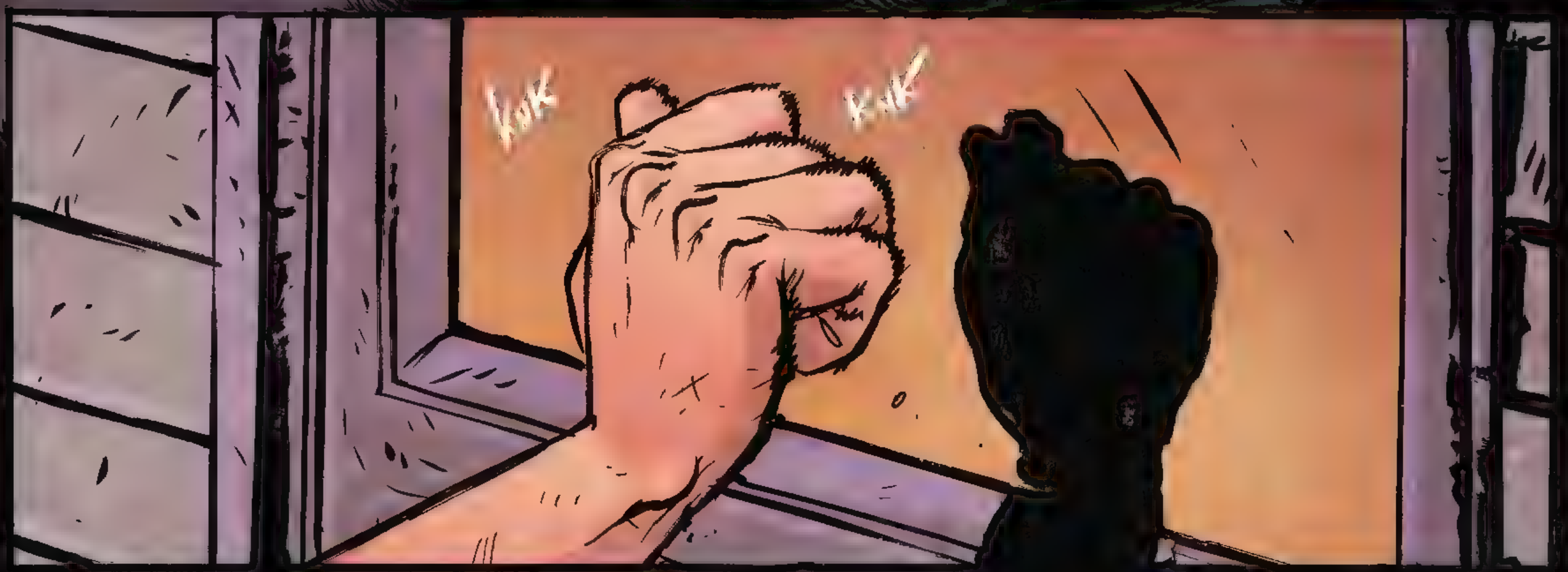


HEY...
WHERE
IS
JAKE?

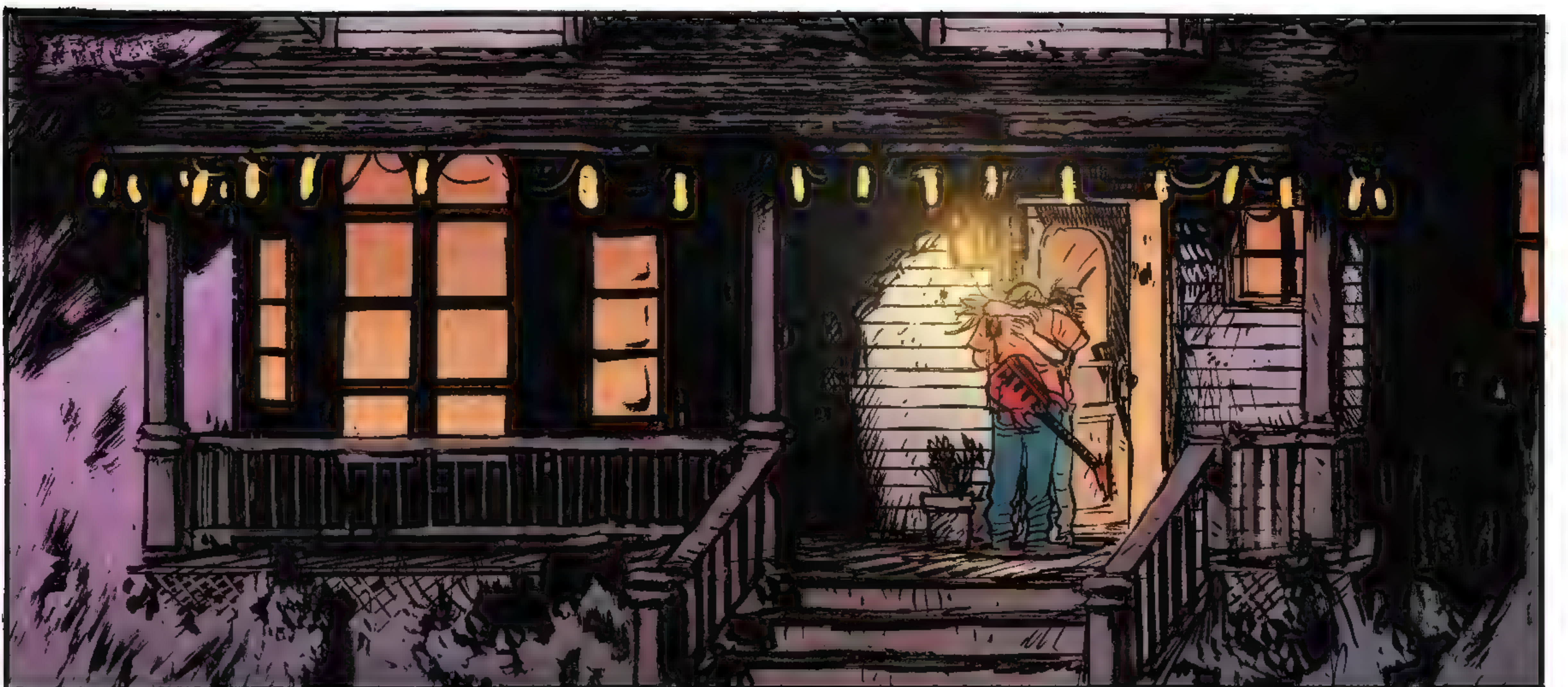


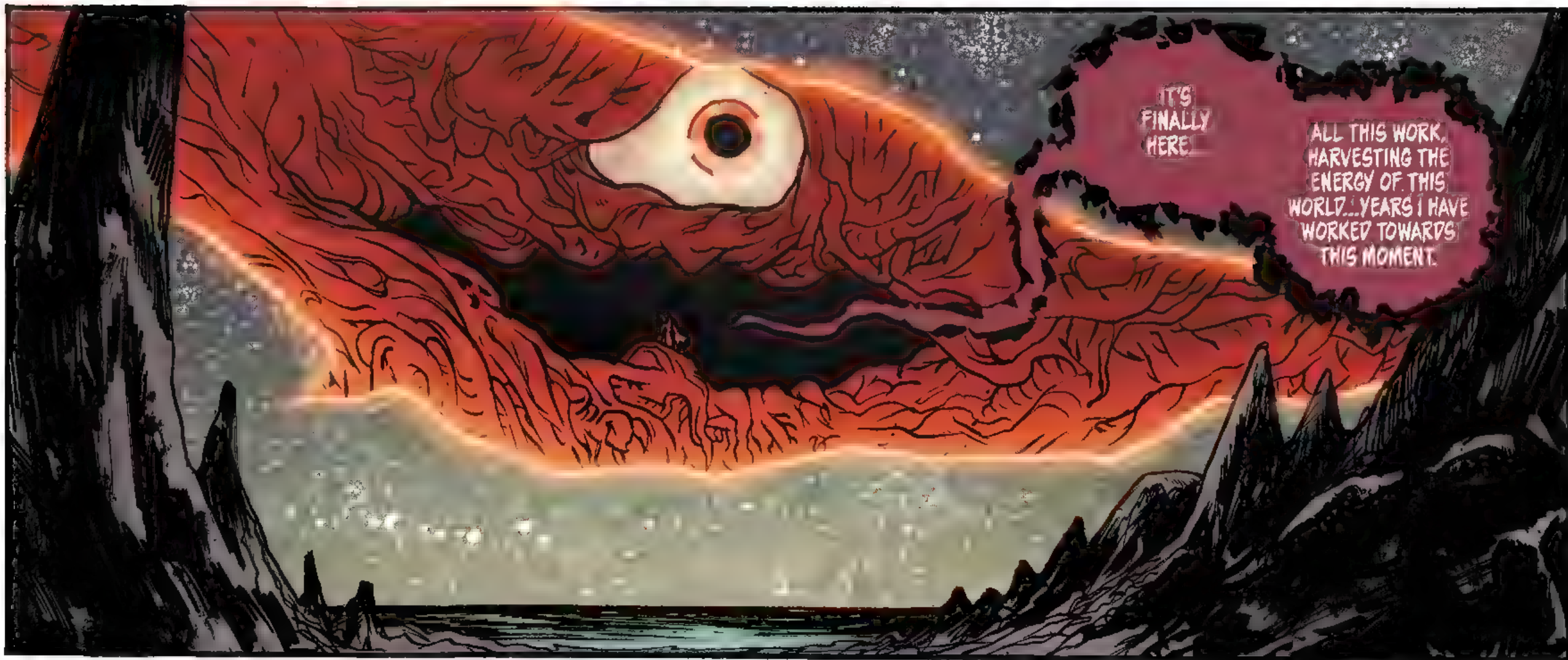
OH...

"HE HAD TO
GO SEE ABOUT
SOMETHING."







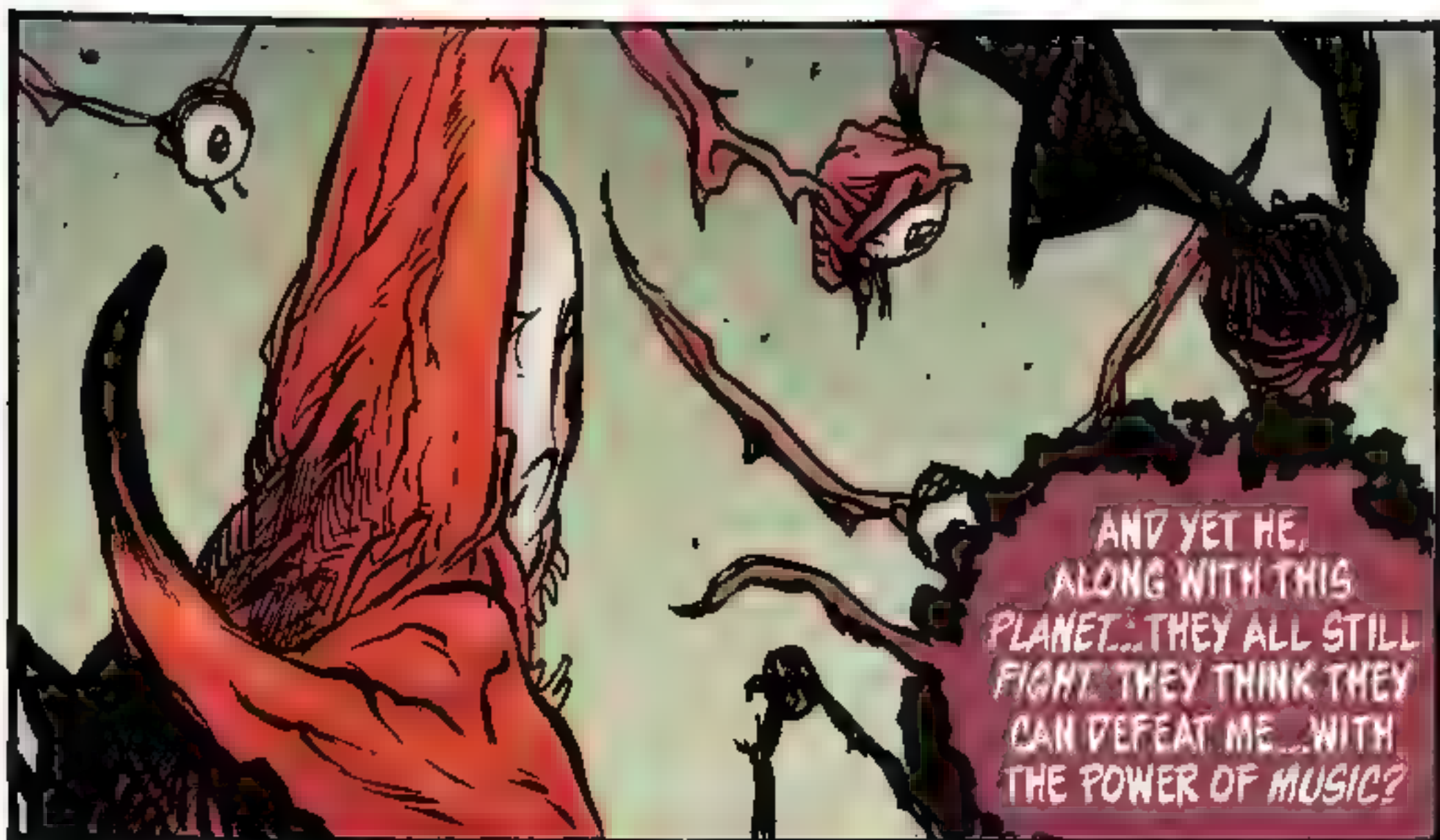


IT'S
FINALLY
HERE

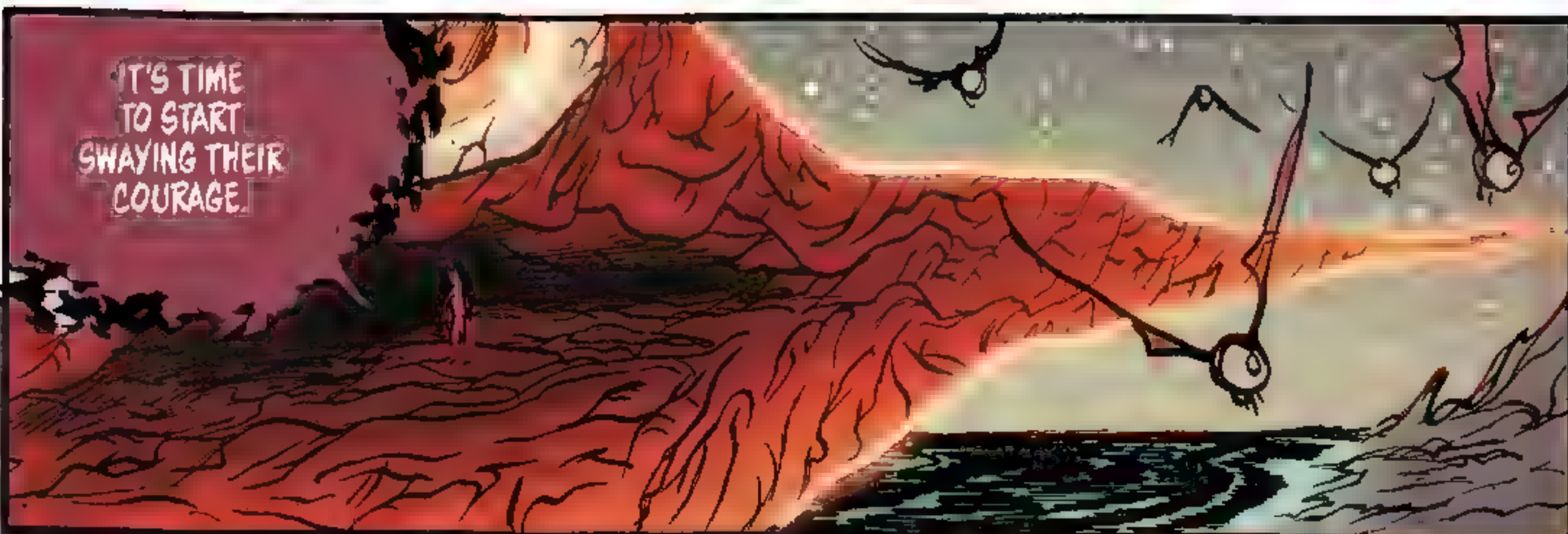
ALL THIS WORK,
HARVESTING THE
ENERGY OF THIS
WORLD... YEARS I HAVE
WORKED TOWARDS
THIS MOMENT.



I FOUND
JAKE. I DEFEATED
HIS MIND. HE GAVE
ME ENOUGH POWER
TO FULLY BREAK
THROUGH TO THIS
REALM.



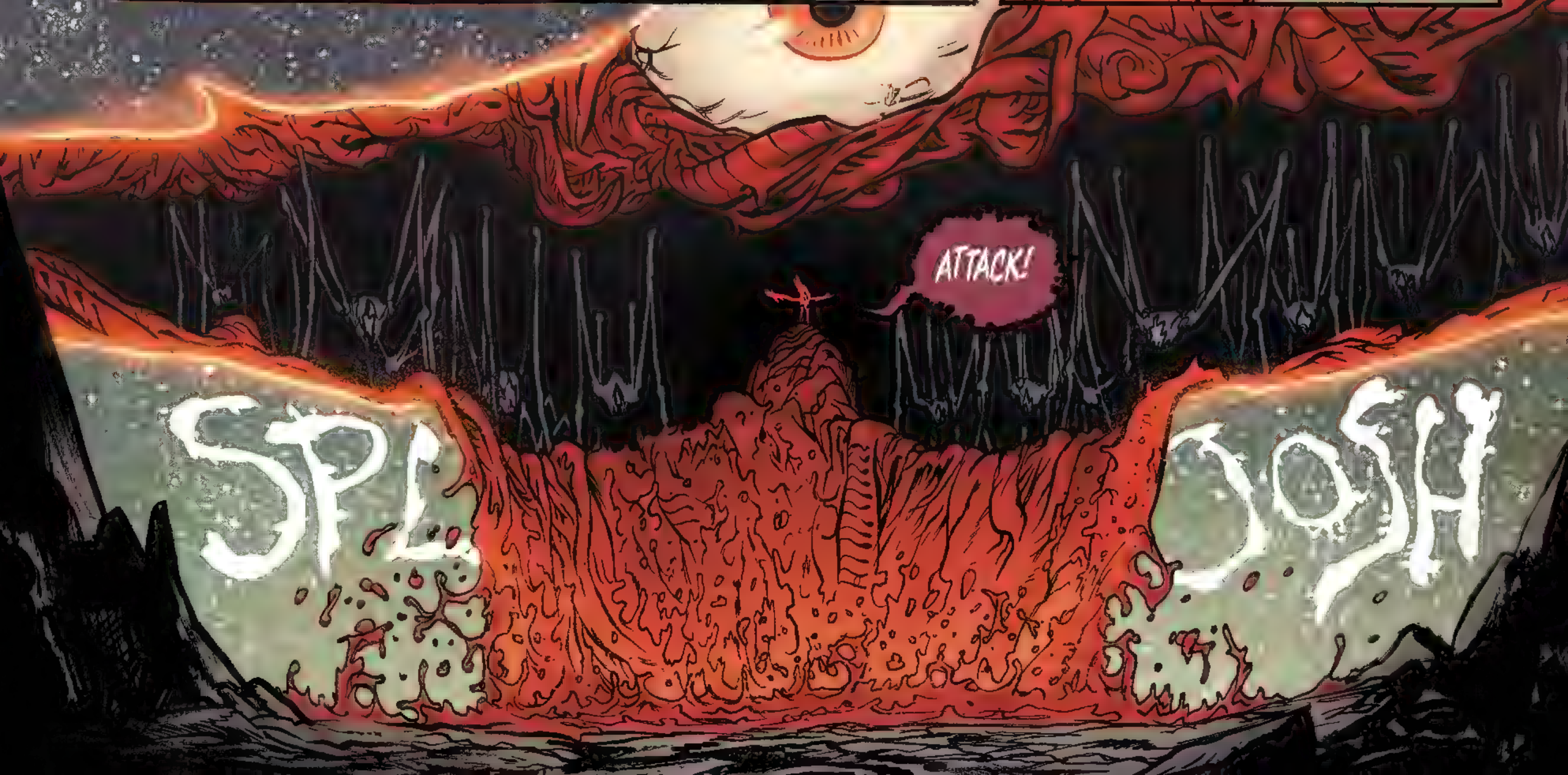
AND YET HE,
ALONG WITH THIS
PLANET... THEY ALL STILL
FIGHT. THEY THINK THEY
CAN DEFEAT ME... WITH
THE POWER OF MUSIC?



IT'S TIME
TO START
SWAYING THEIR
COURAGE.



MY
MINIONS!
THIS WORLD
IS NOW
YOURS!



ATTACK!

SPL

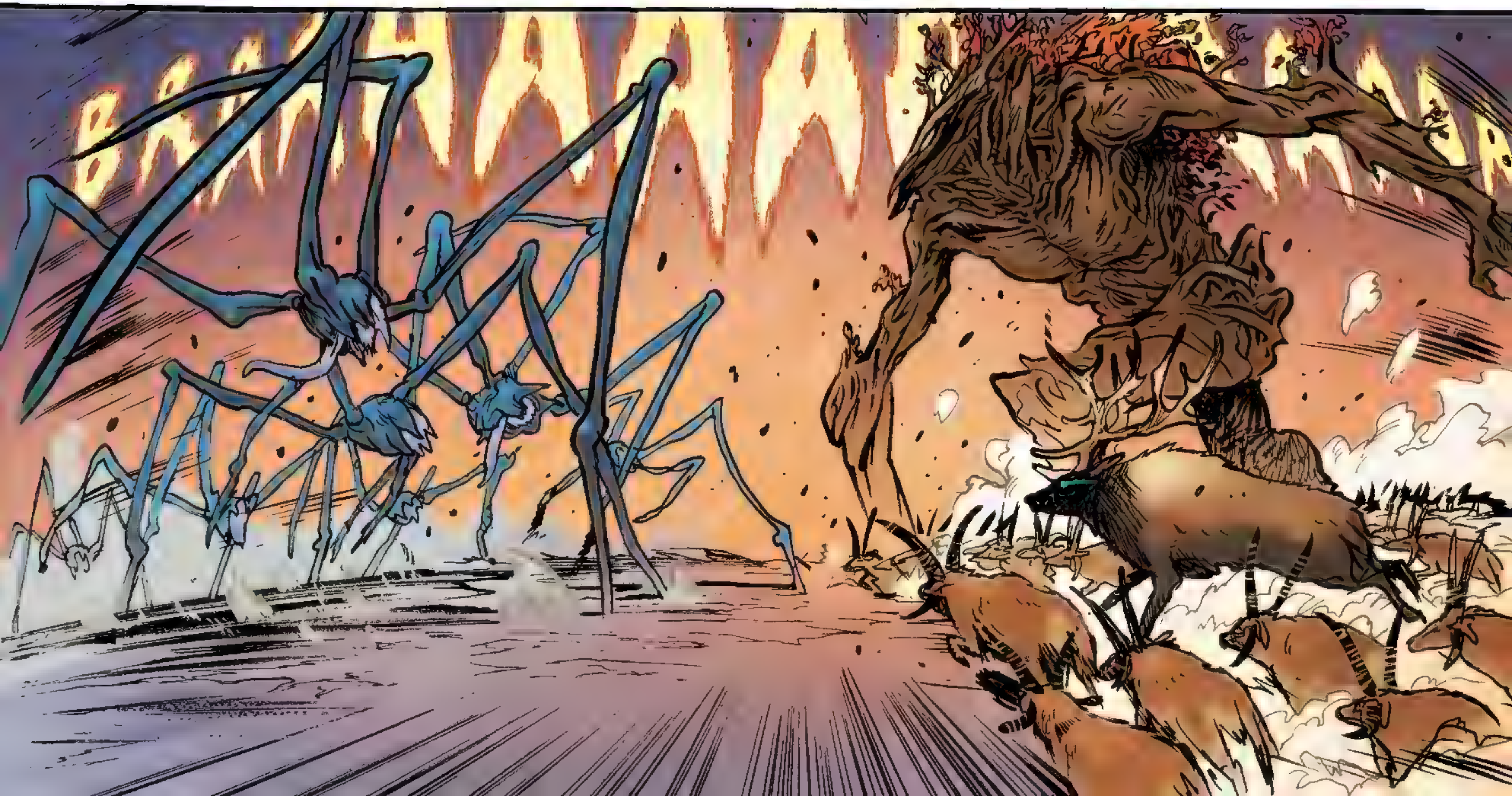
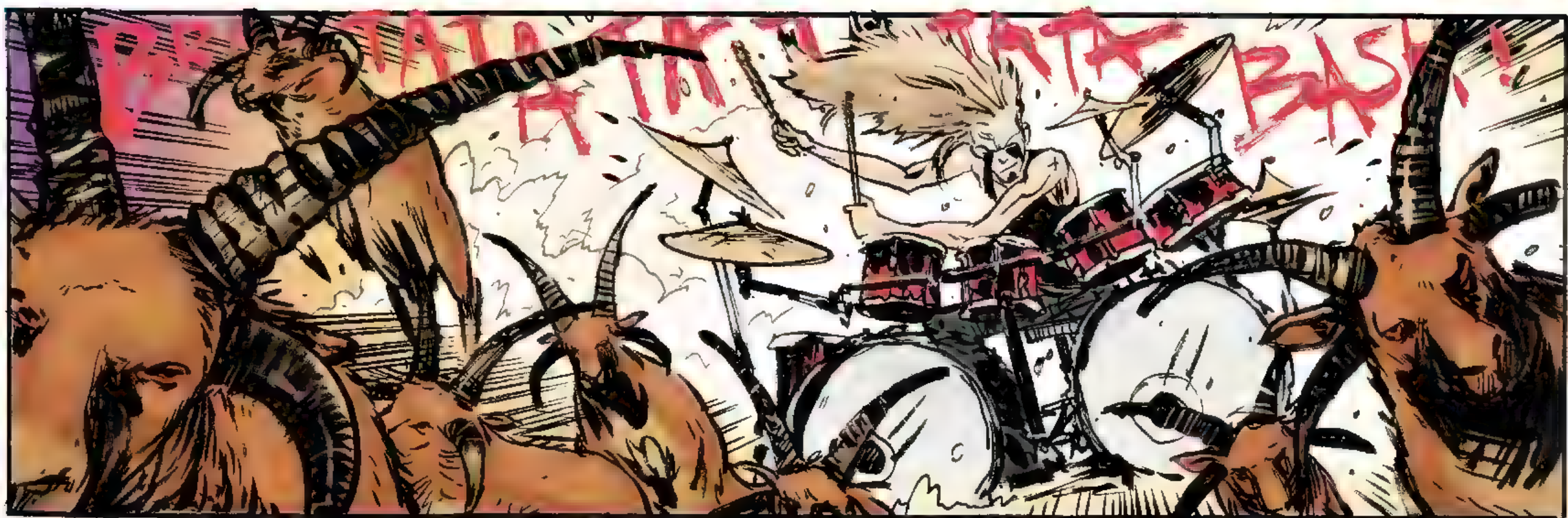
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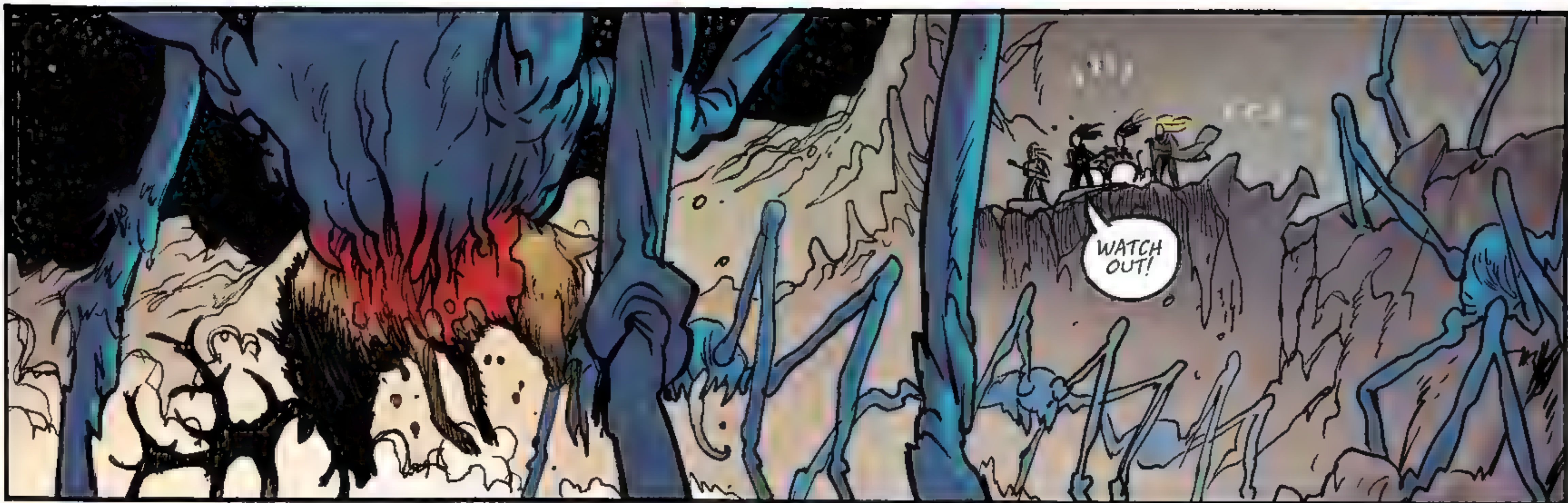
SCREEE OORRRR

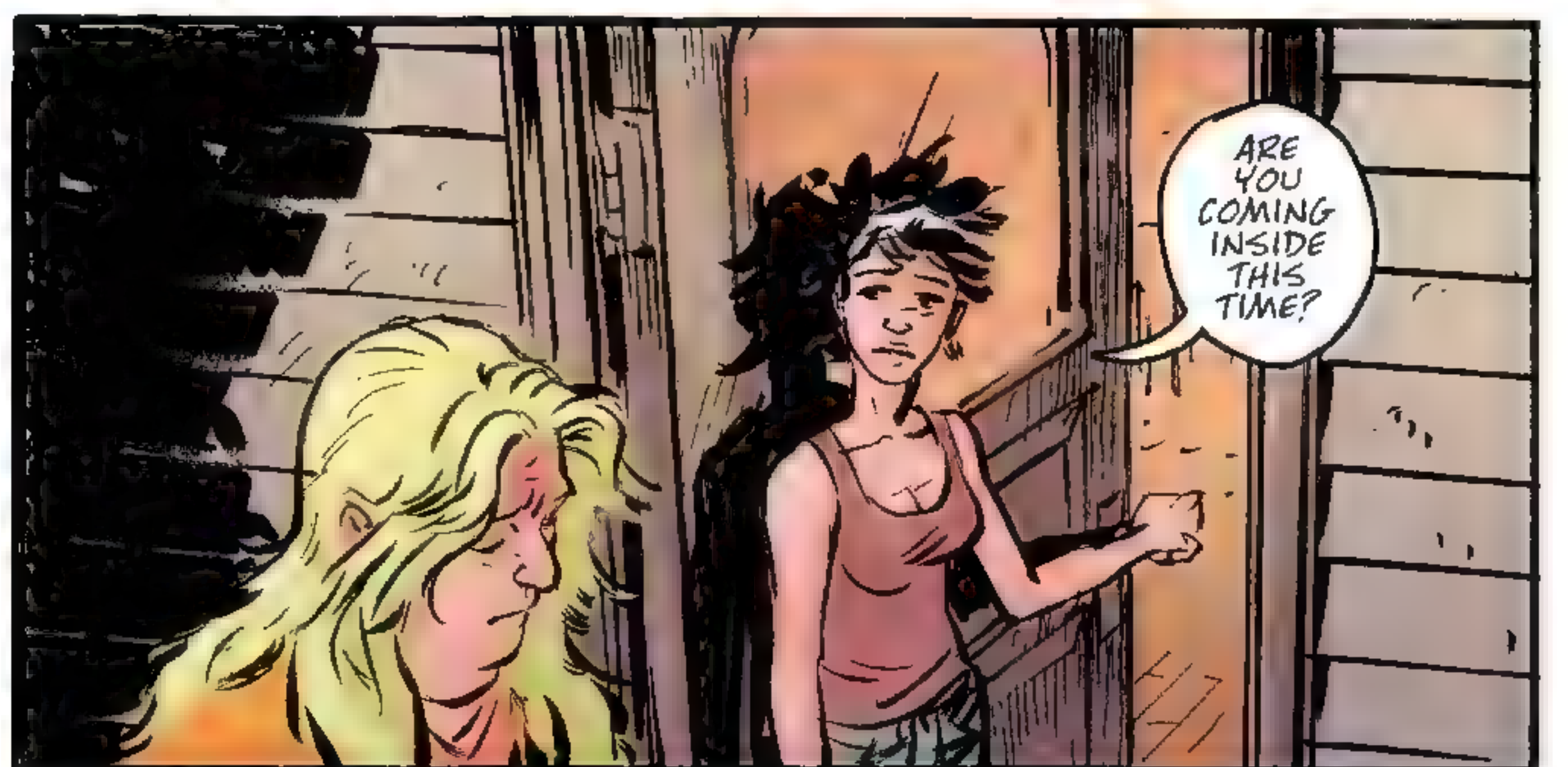
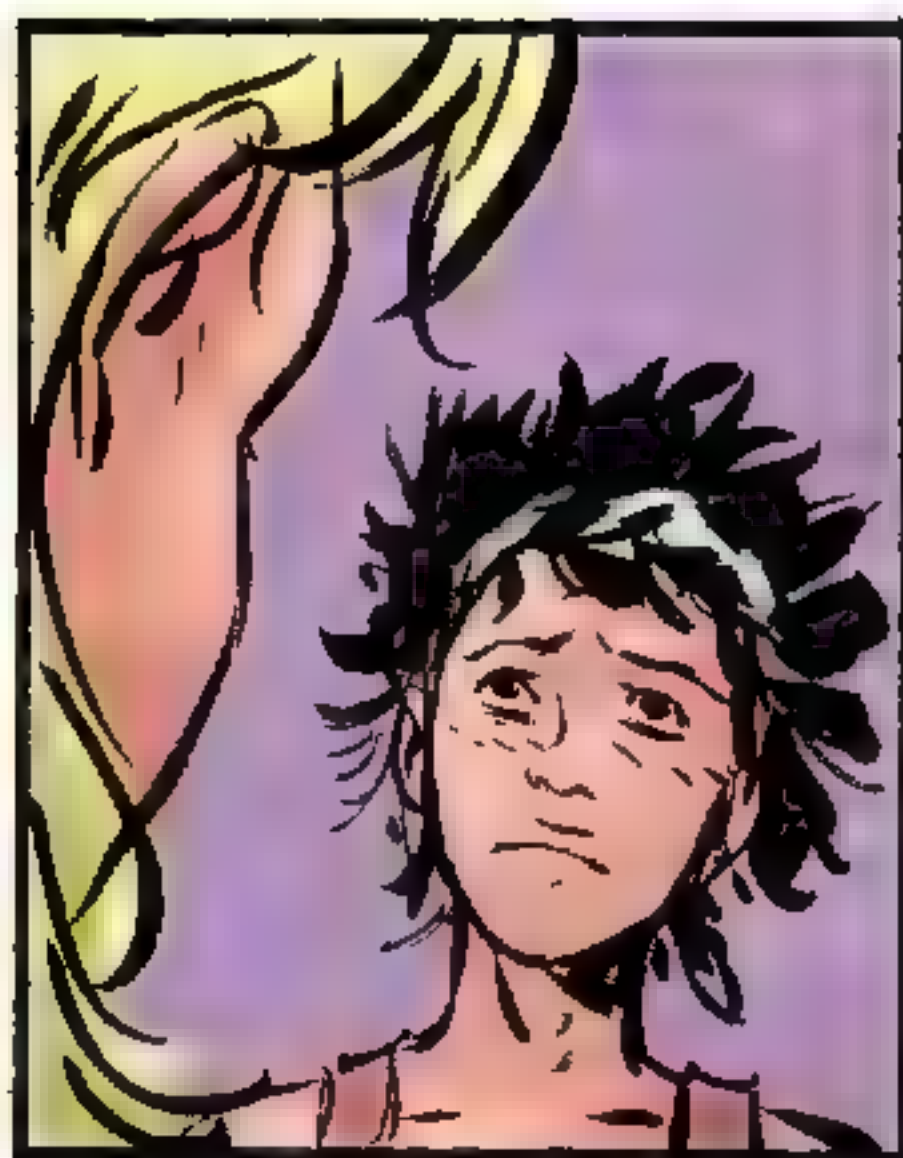
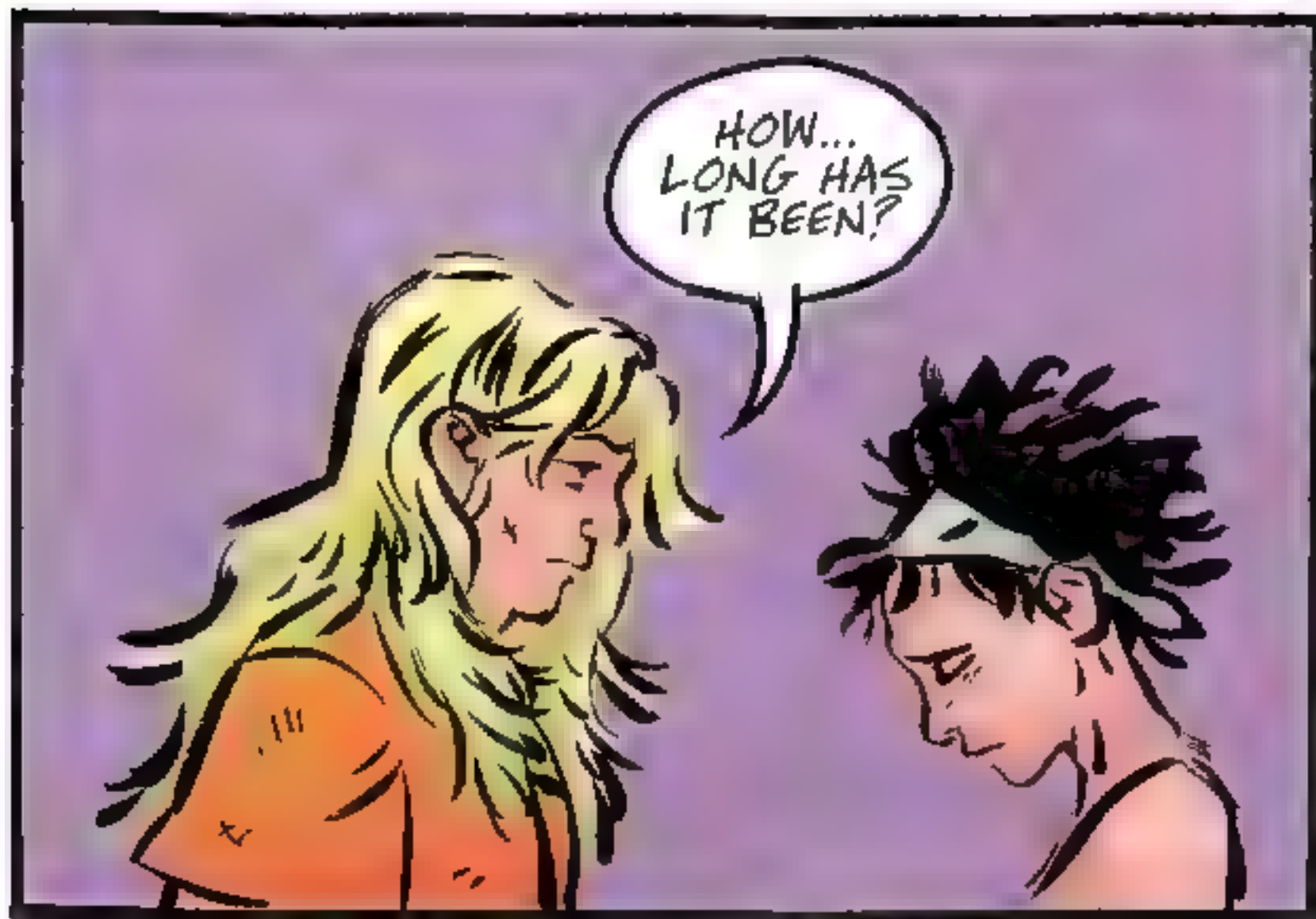
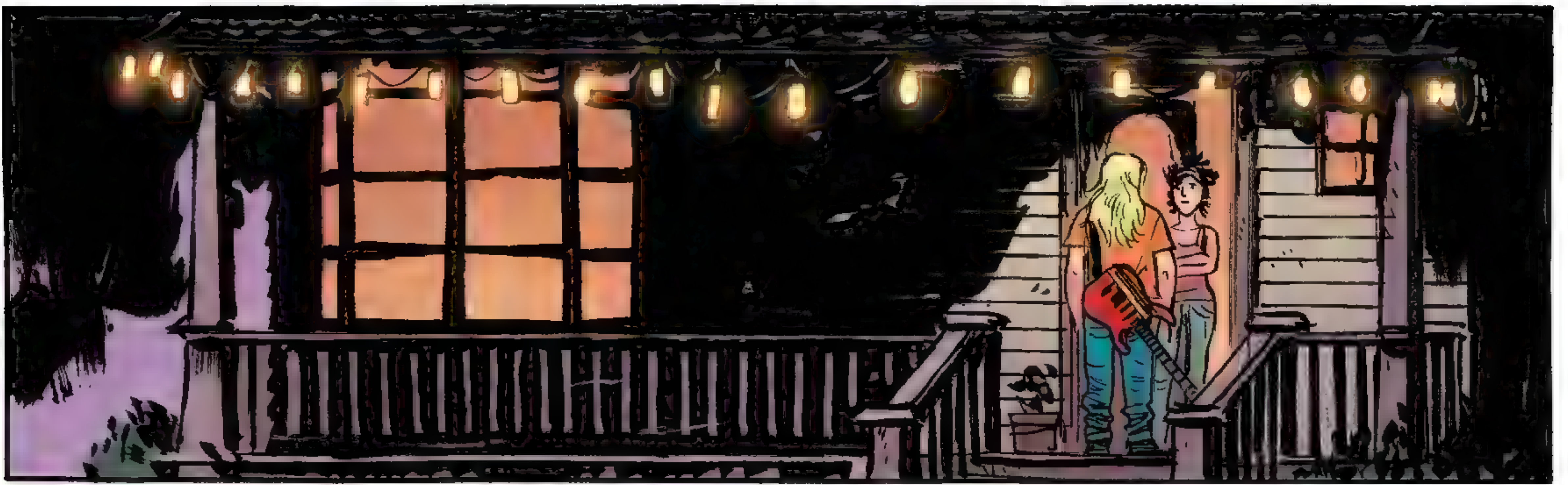
ARE YOU ALL READY?

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE SPENDING LIFE WITH YOU.





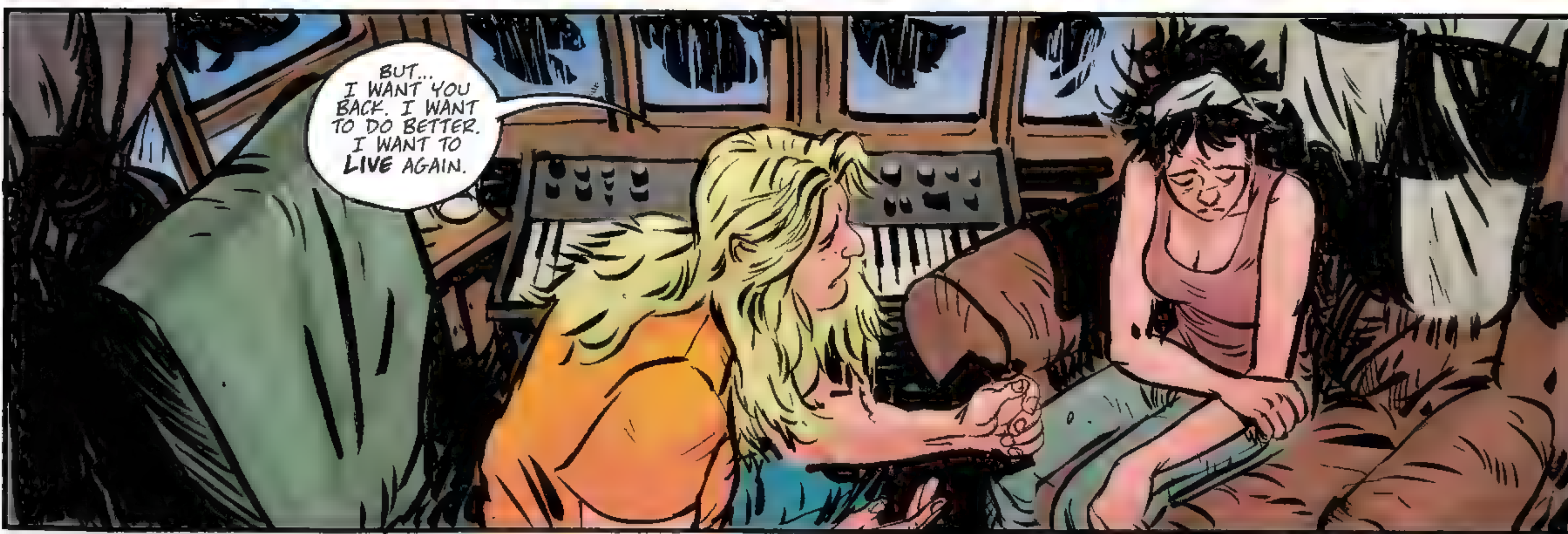
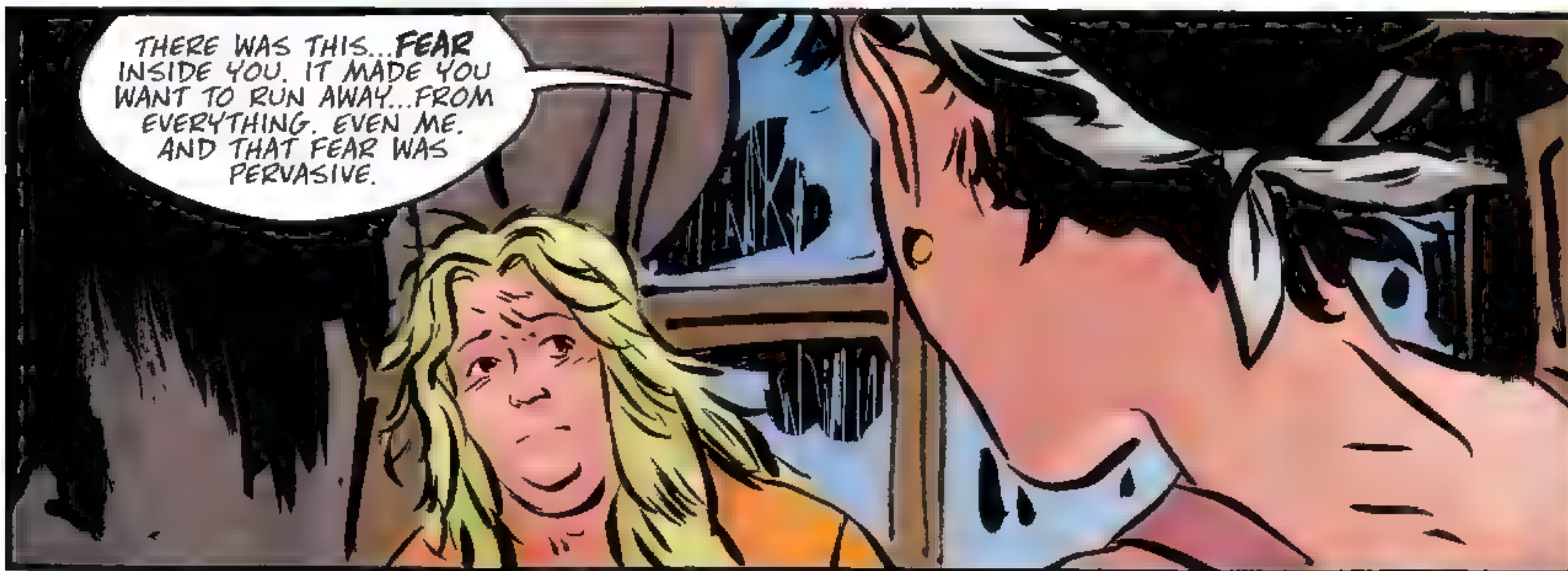


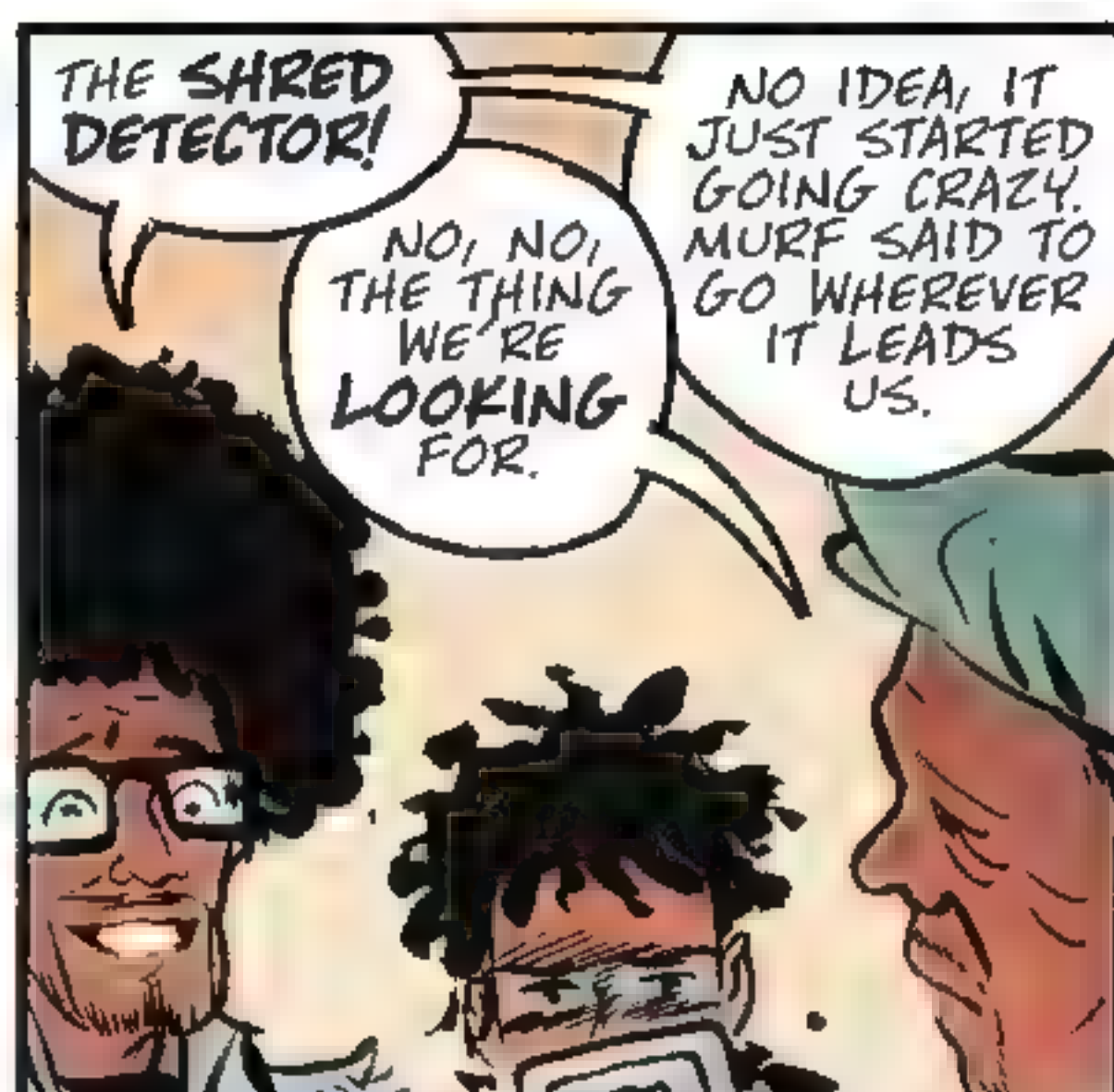


FIRST THINGS FIRST, I'M--

HOLD ON. I--DO YOU MIND IF I START?



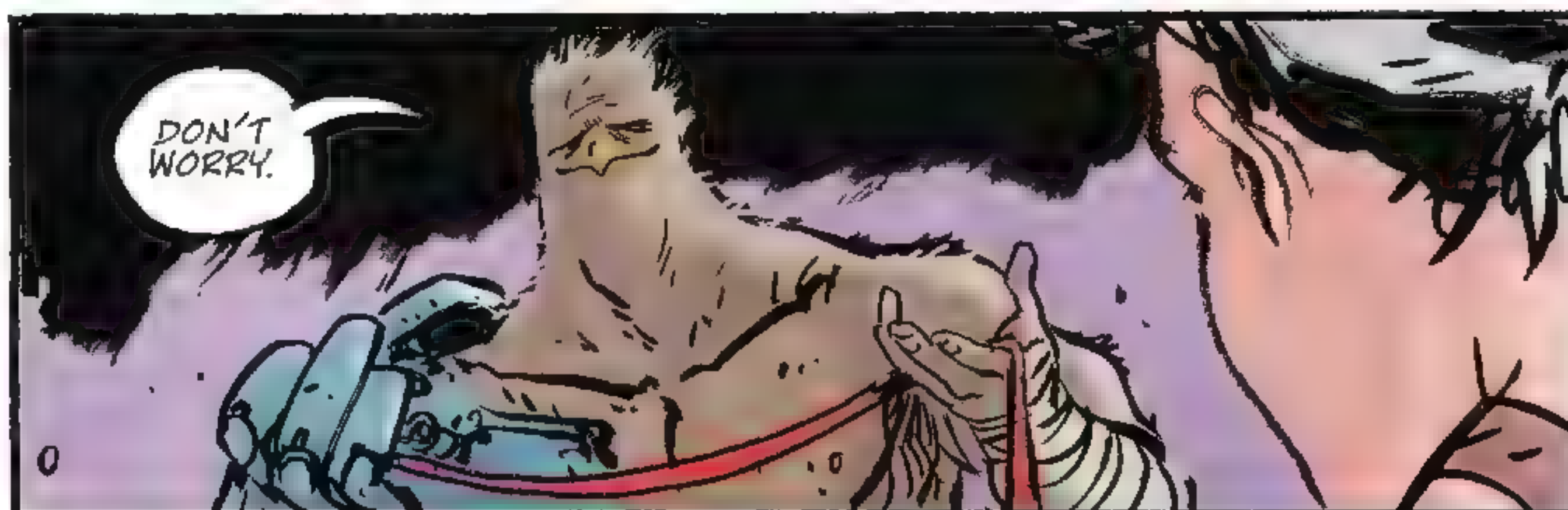


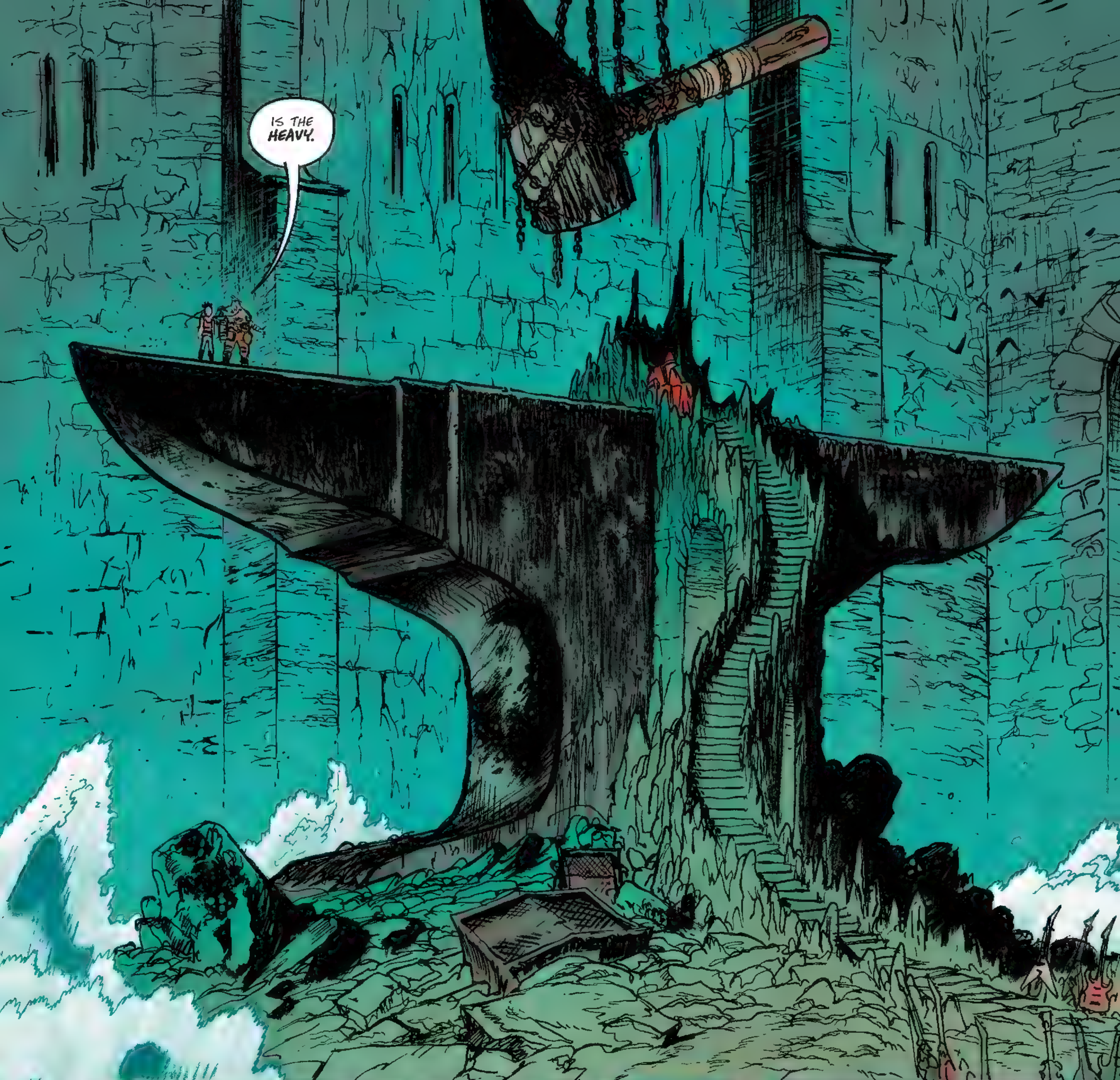






...OH NO...



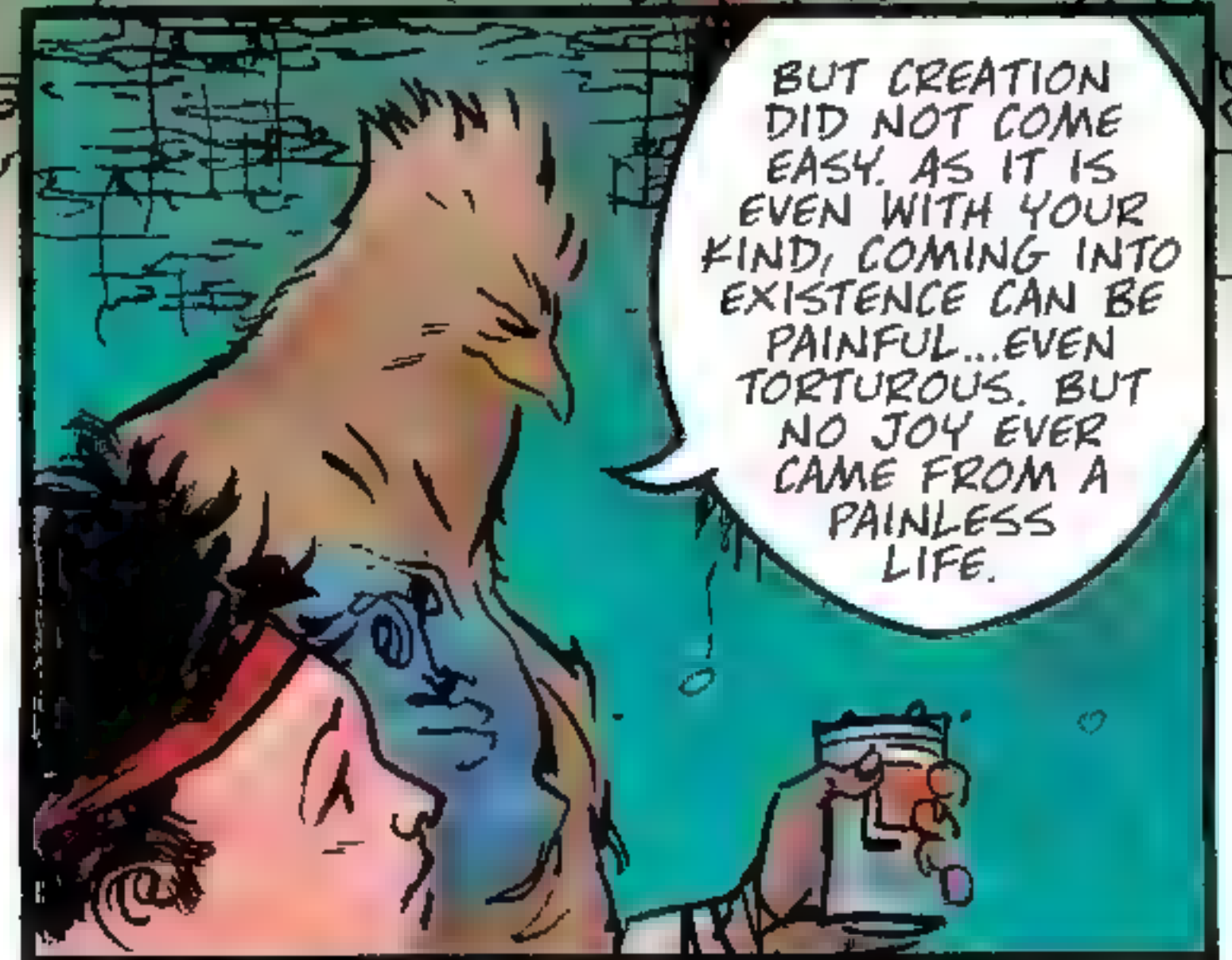


IS THE
HEAVY.

THIS IS WHERE I COME
FROM. IT'S A PLACE VERY
FAR FROM EARTH, NOT
MEASURED BY MILES BUT
BY DIMENSIONS. AND IT
WAS HERE, ON THIS VERY
PIECE OF METAL, THAT I
WAS FORGED. CREATED TO
PROTECT THIS WORLD--
BY THE VOICE OF THE
THOUSANDS.



BUT CREATION
DID NOT COME
EASY, AS IT IS
EVEN WITH YOUR
KIND, COMING INTO
EXISTENCE CAN BE
PAINFUL...EVEN
TORTUROUS. BUT
NO JOY EVER
CAME FROM A
PAINLESS
LIFE.

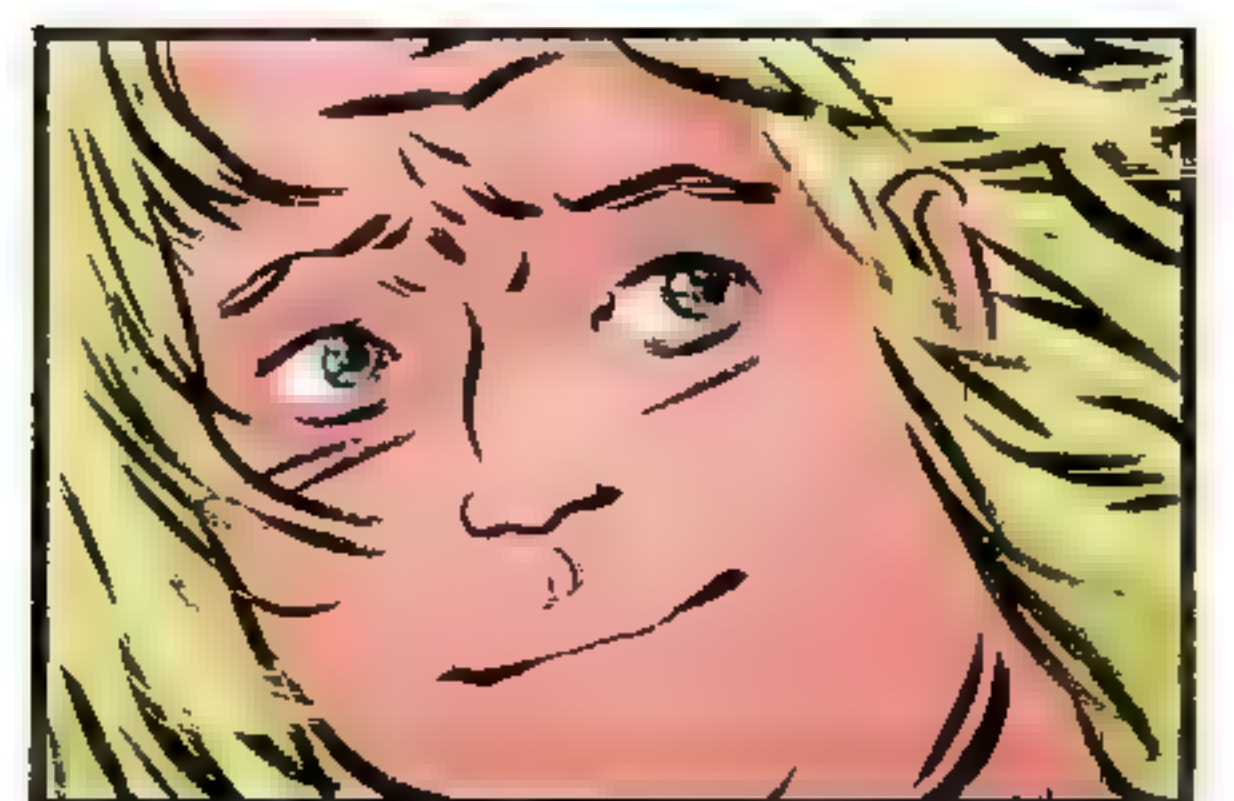
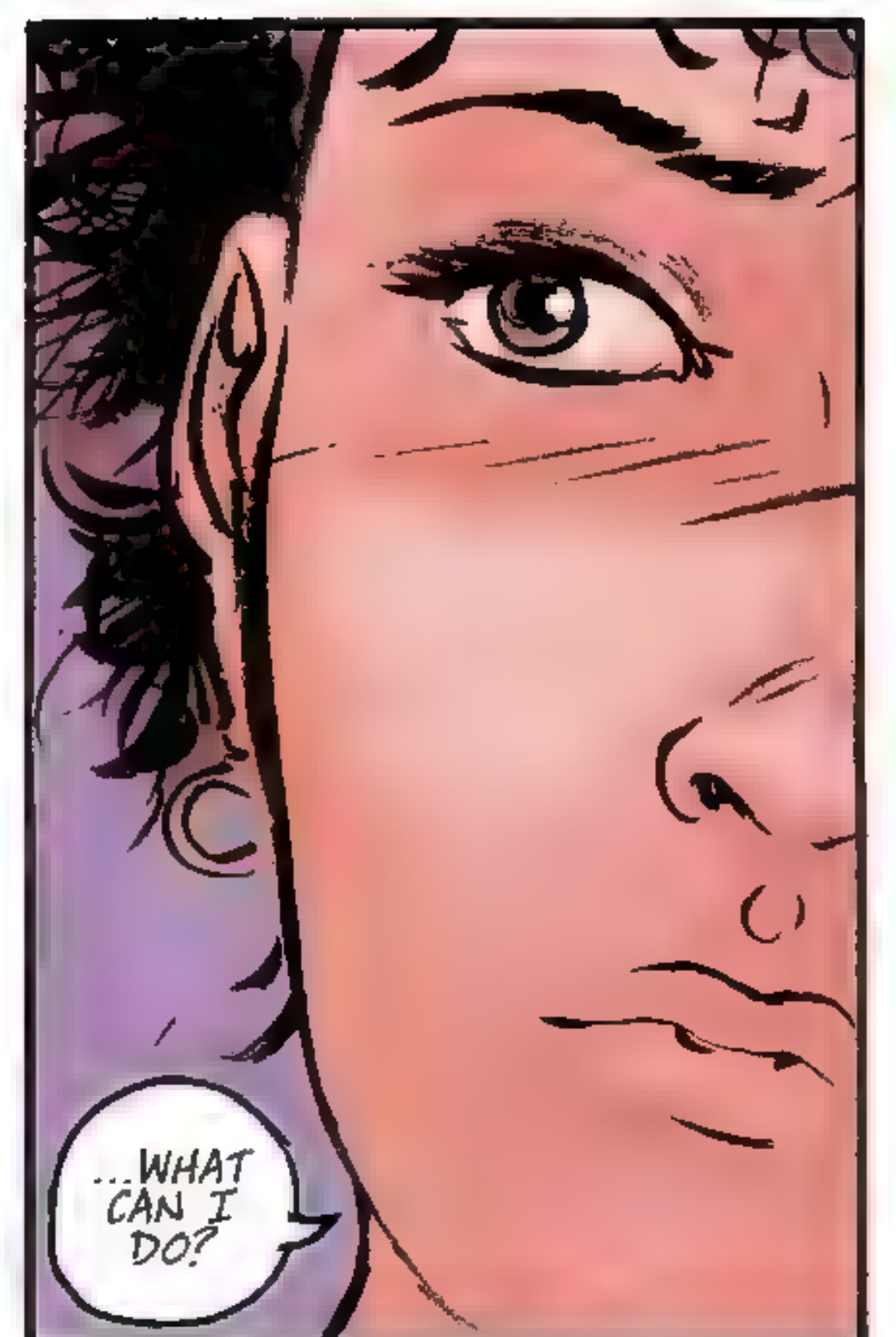
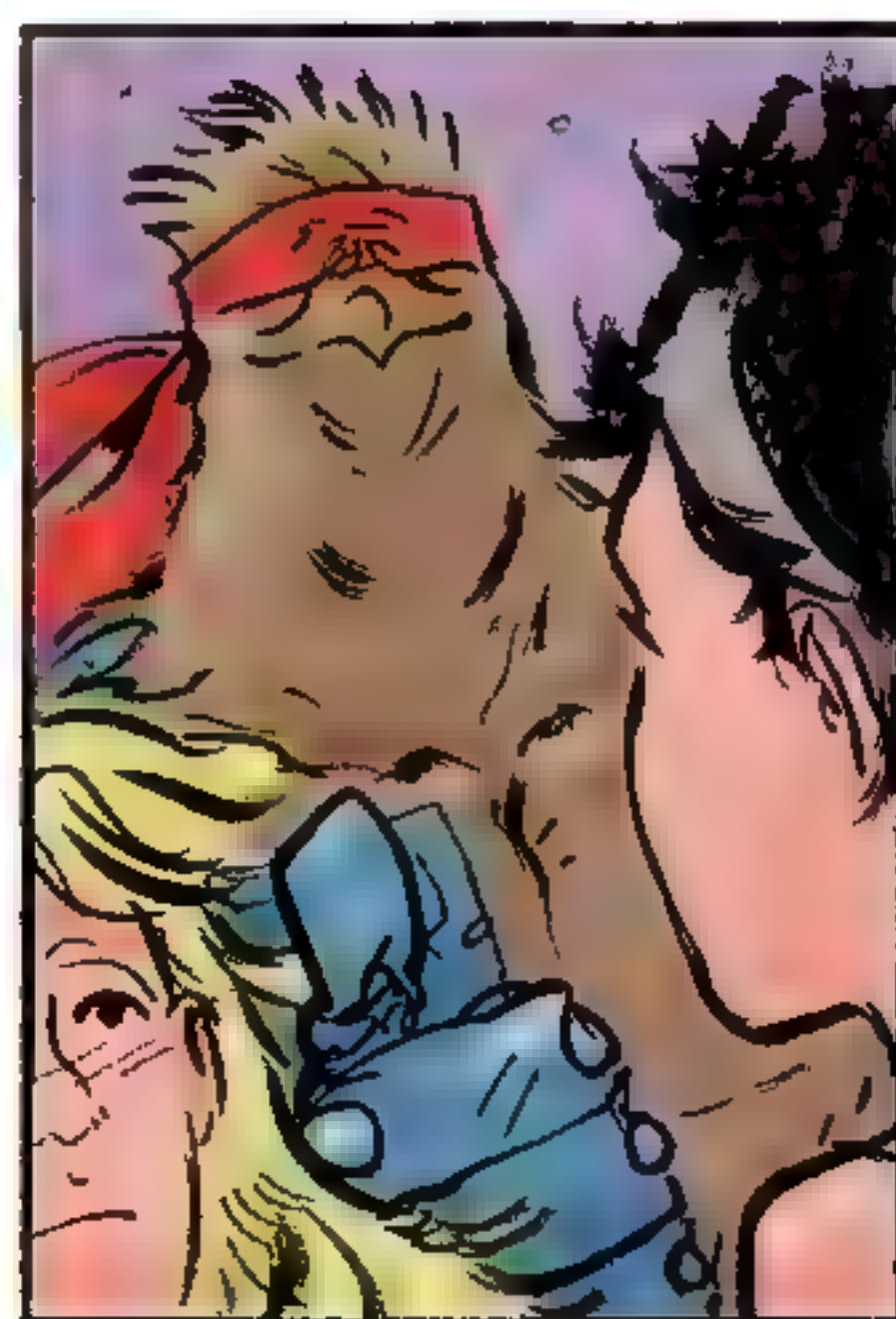
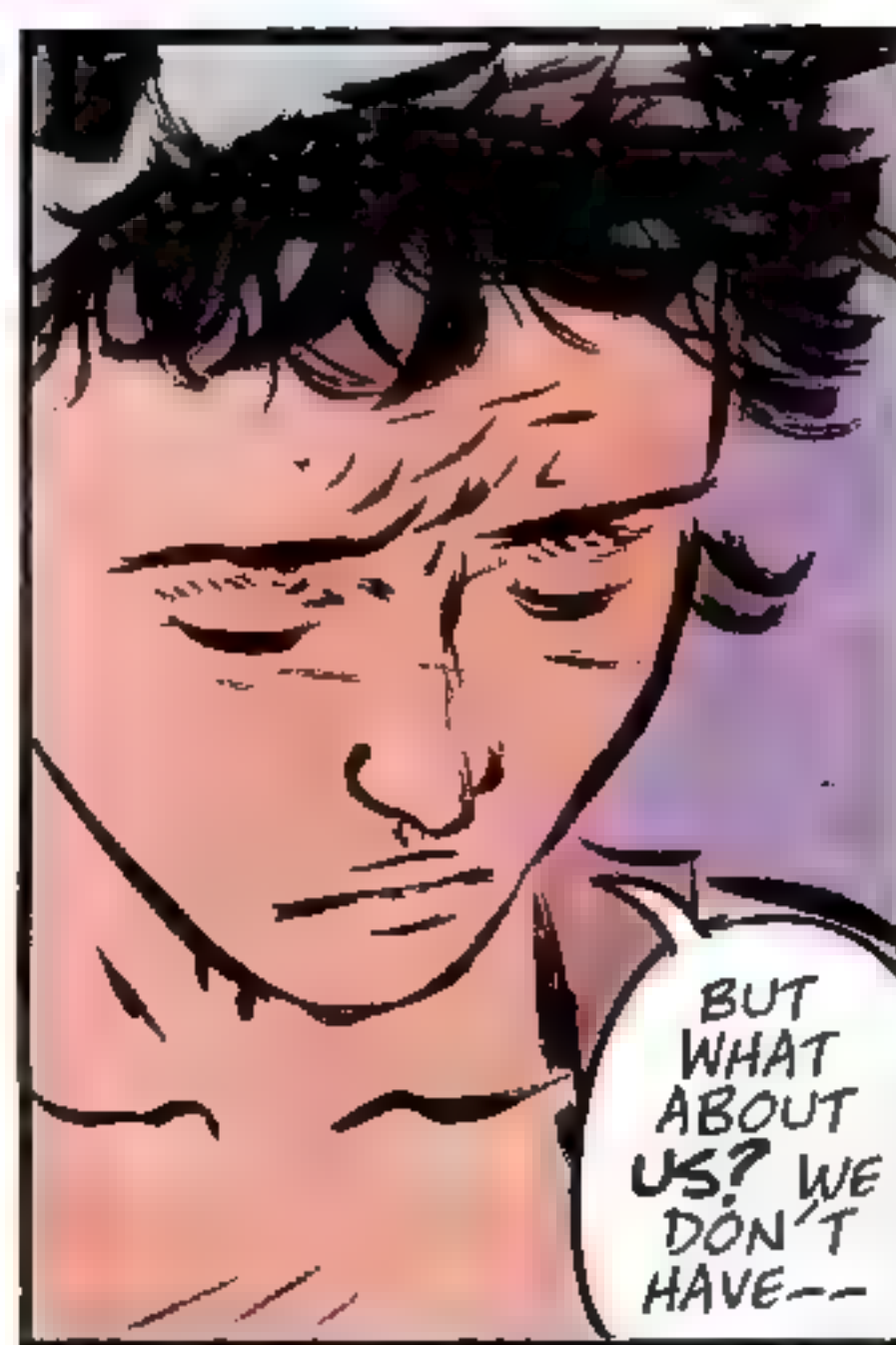
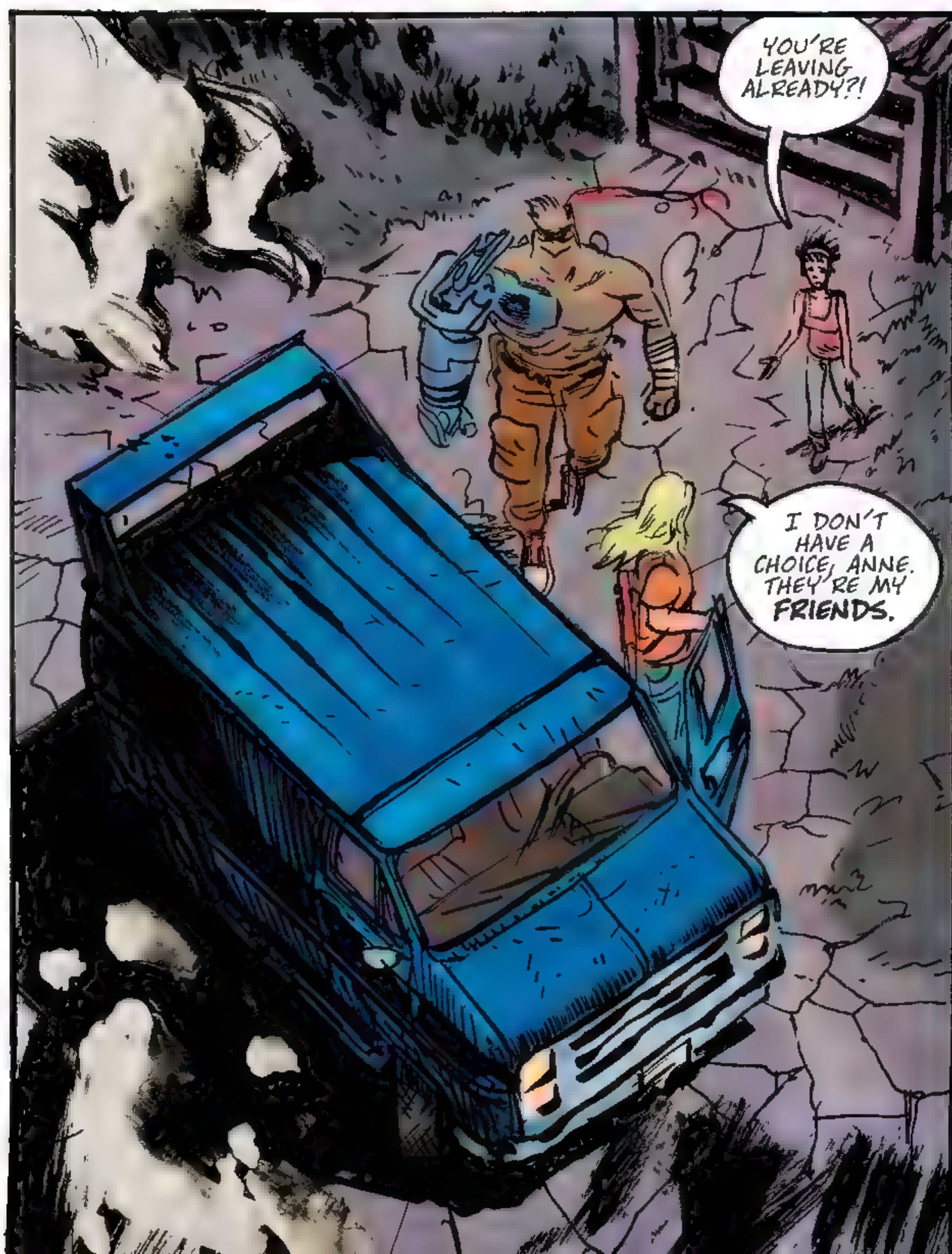
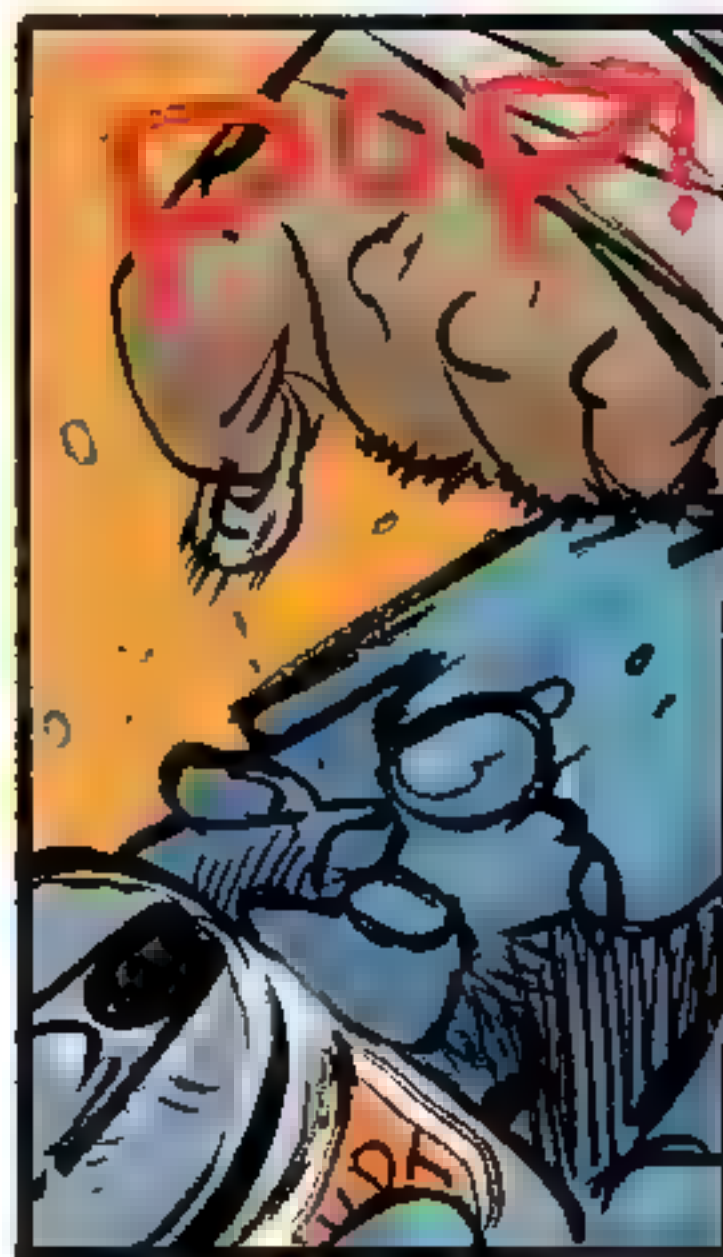
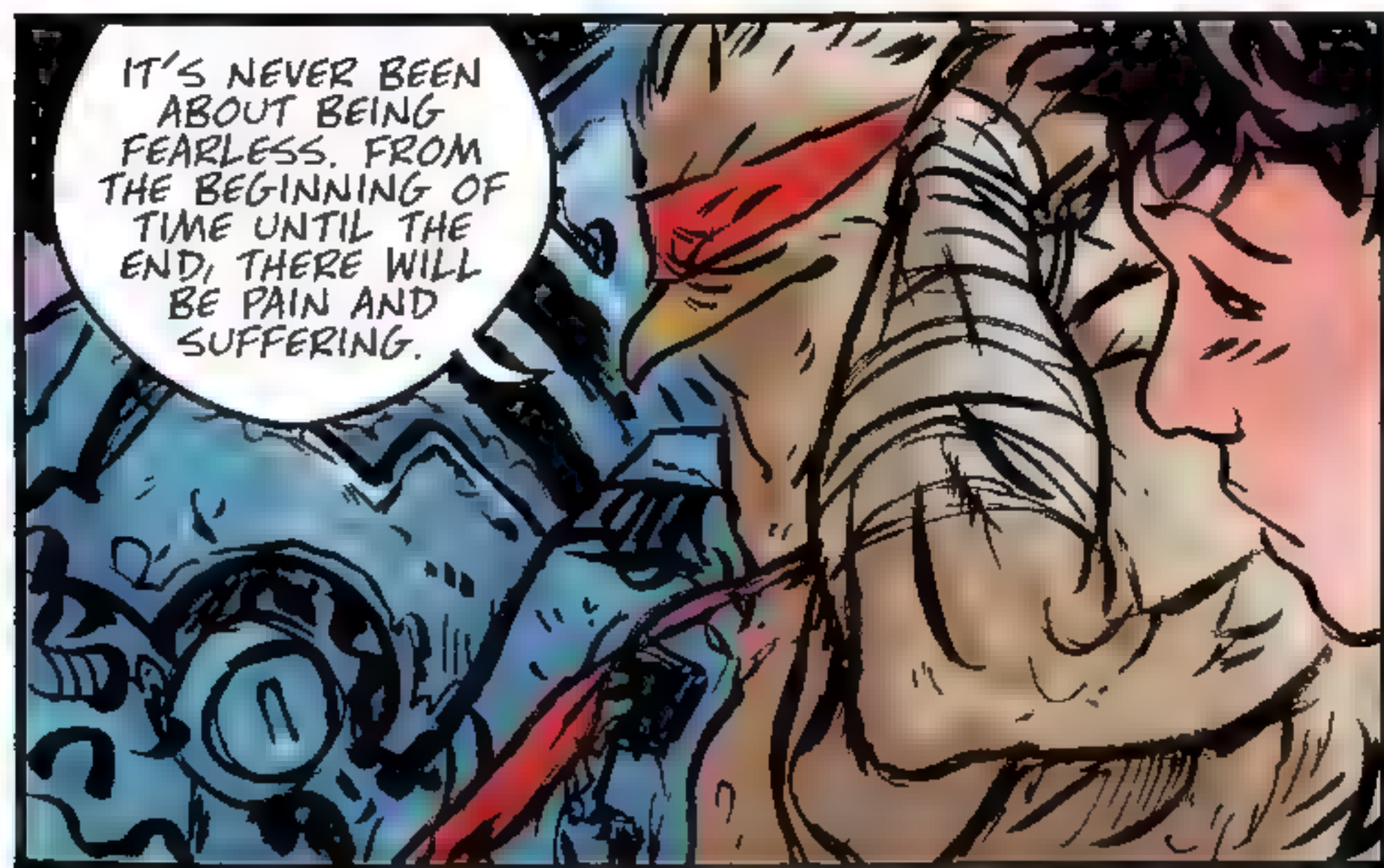


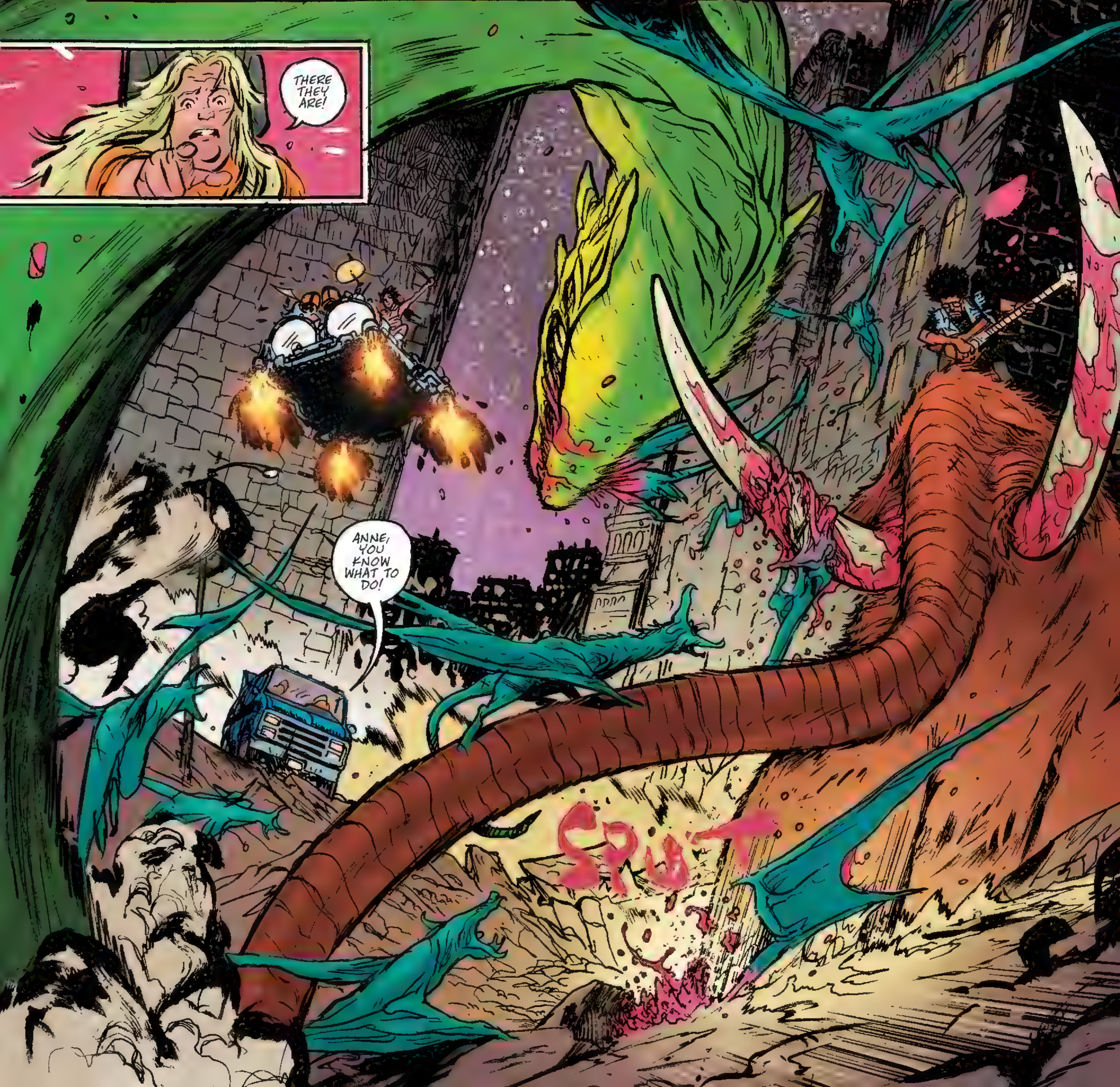
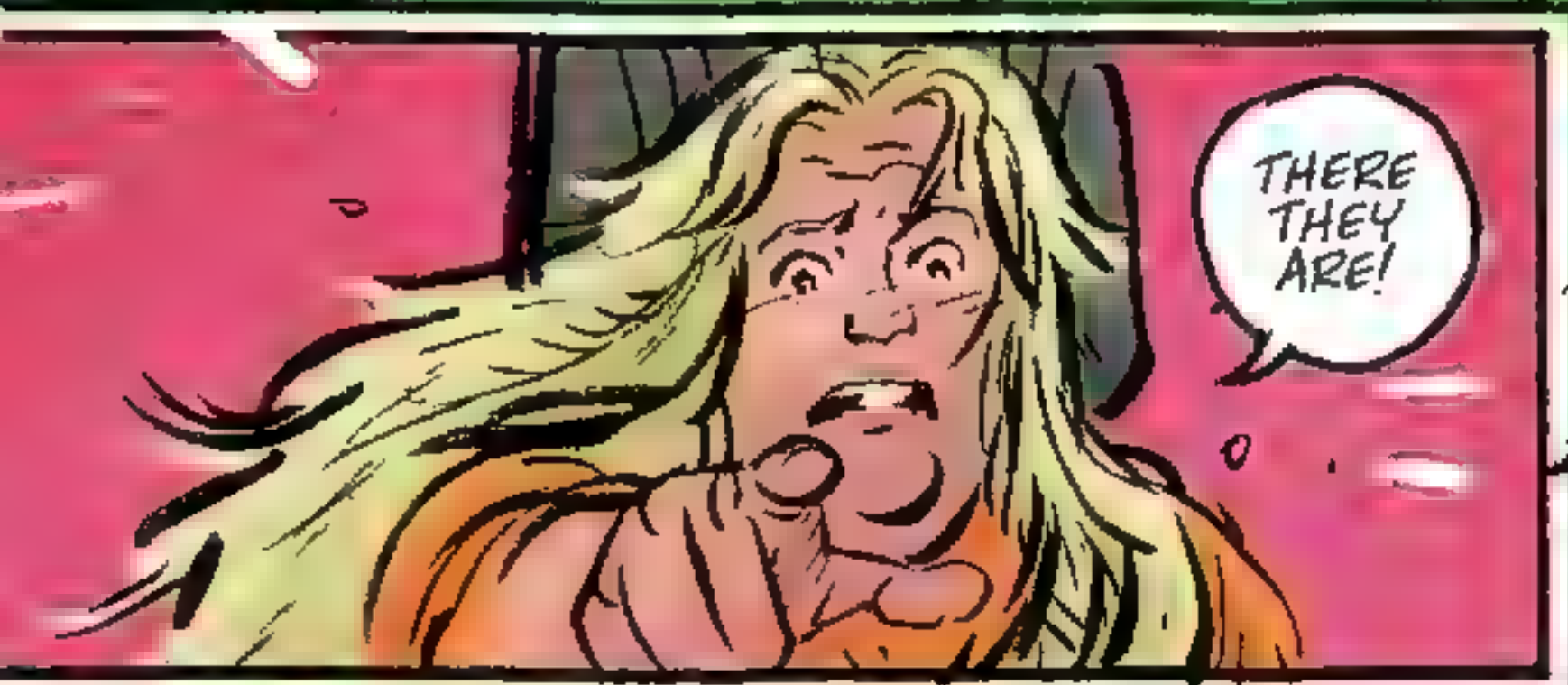
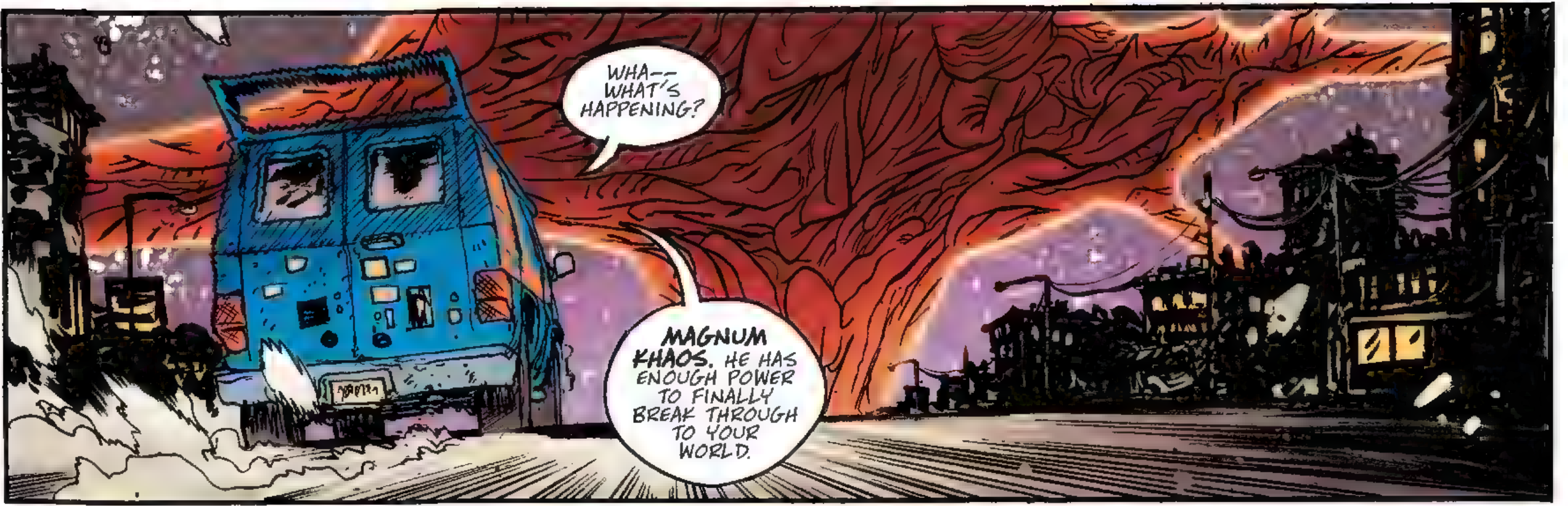
IT'S WHY
I'M GLAD
TO BE HERE
WITH YOU AND
JAKE, EVEN
NOW, WITH SO
MUCH AT
STAKE.



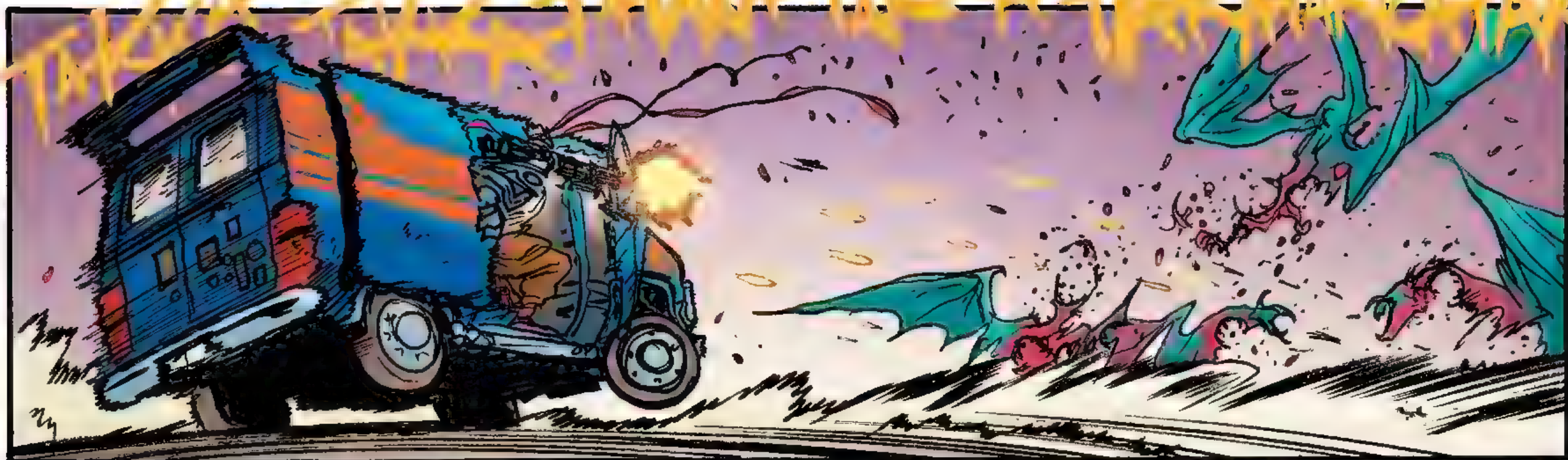
JAKE WAS
NEVER
FEARLESS,
ANNE.

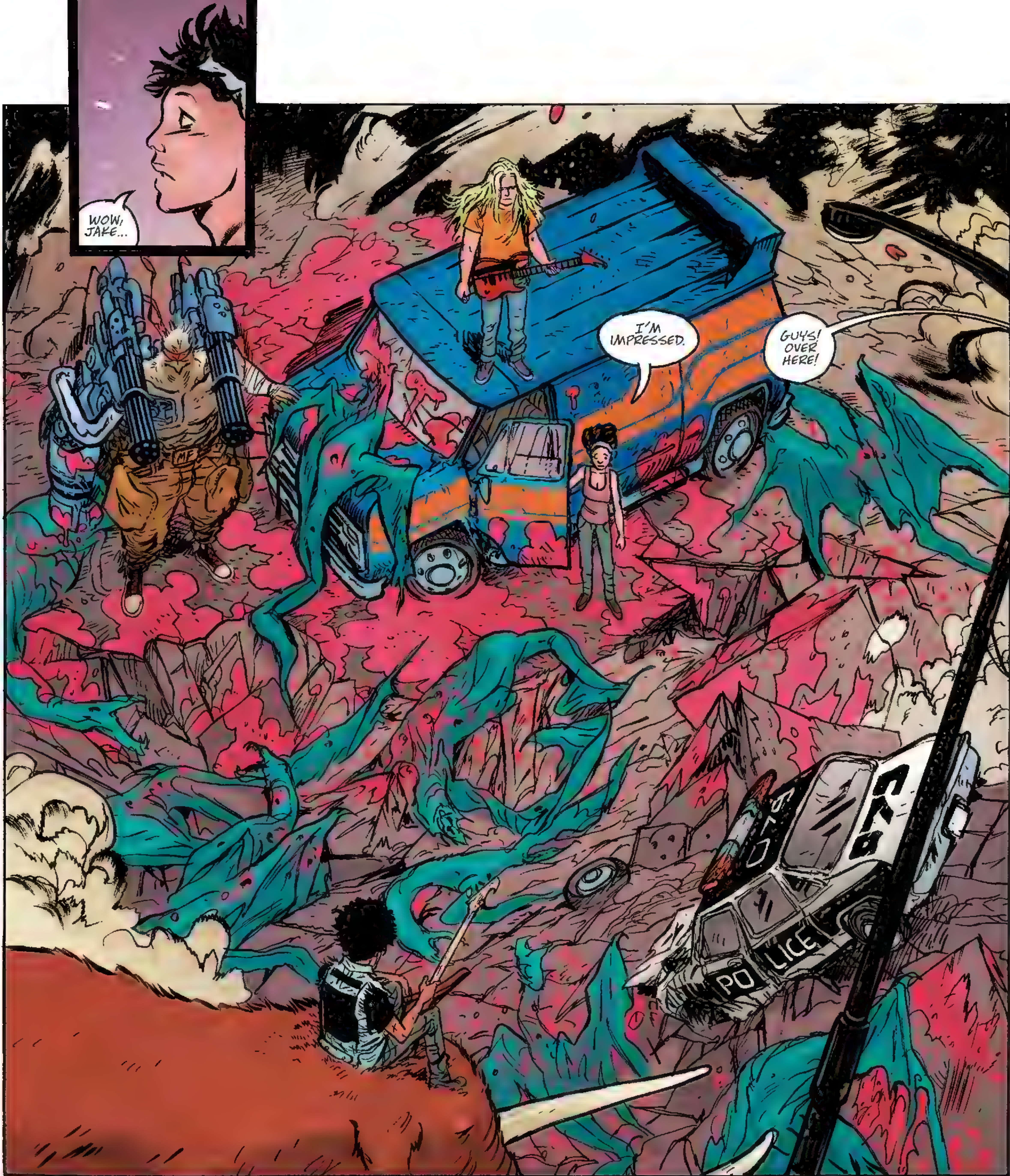


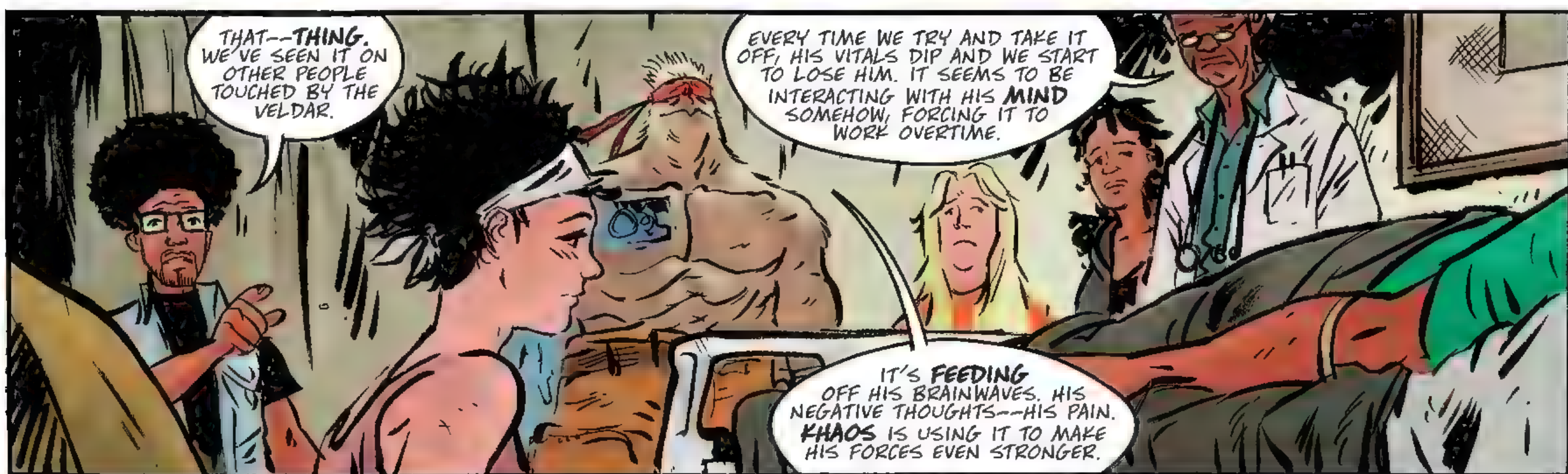
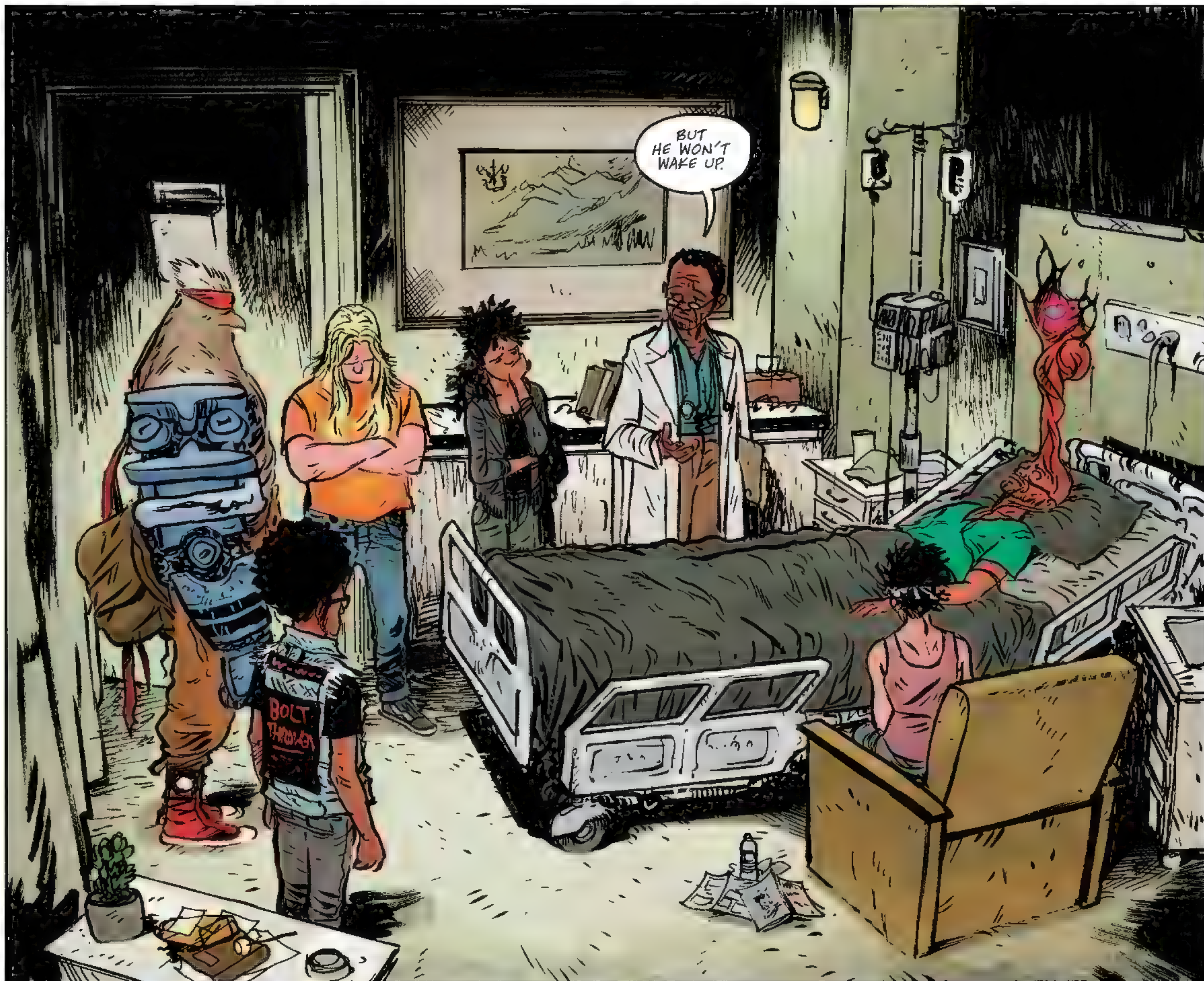










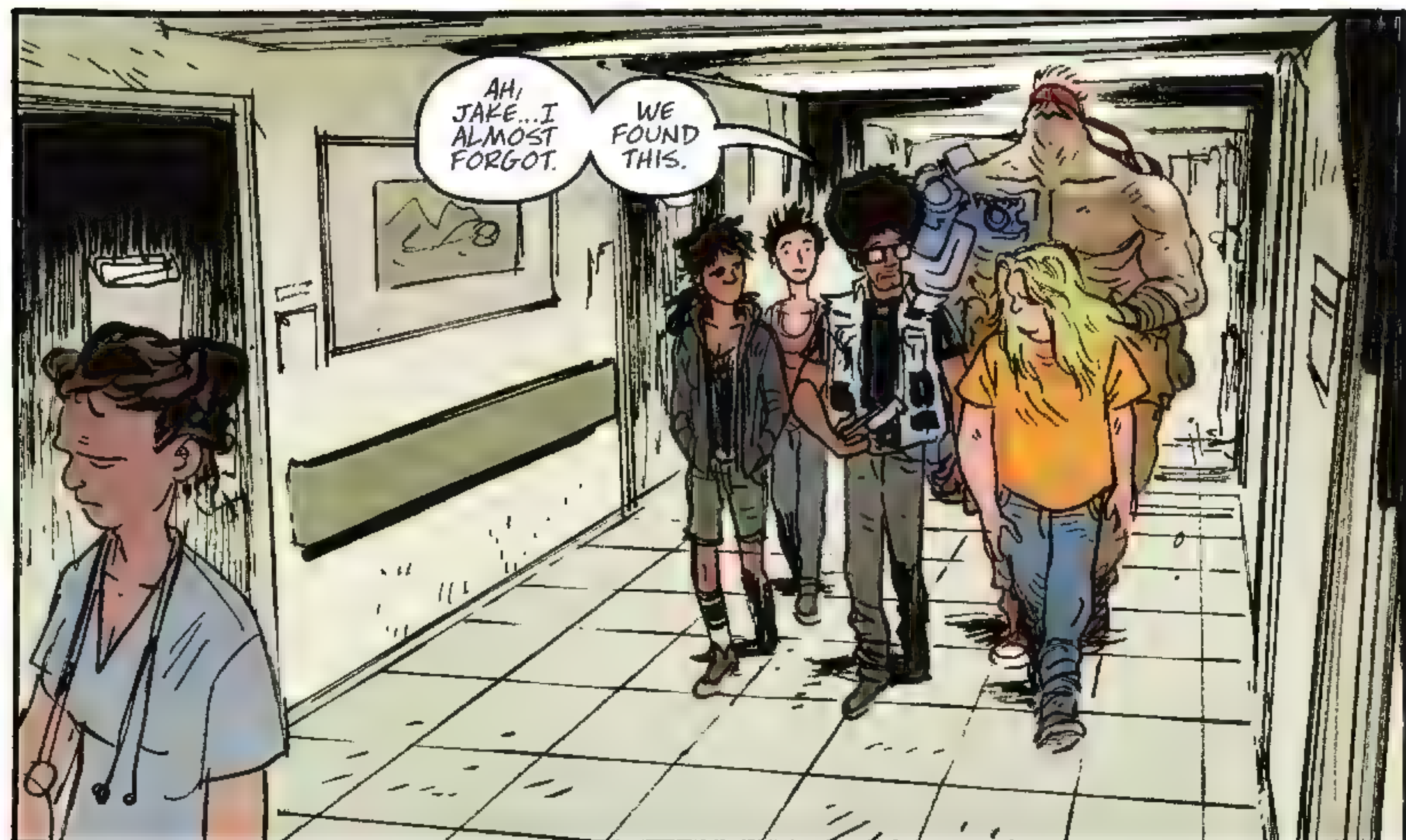




HE MUST
HAVE A
POWERFUL
ARMY.



MORE
ARRIVE
EVERY
DAY.

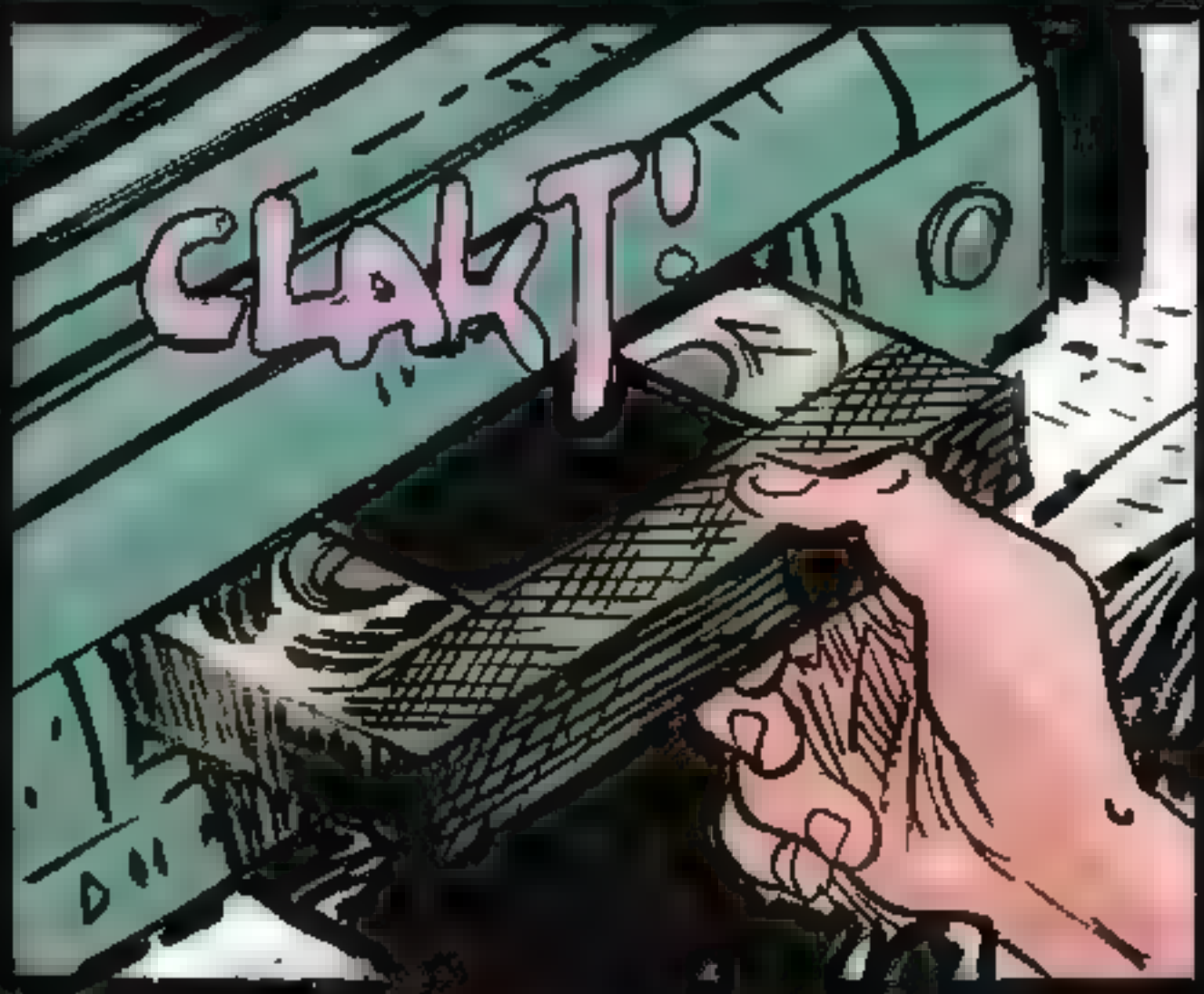


AH,
JAKE...I
ALMOST
FORGOT.

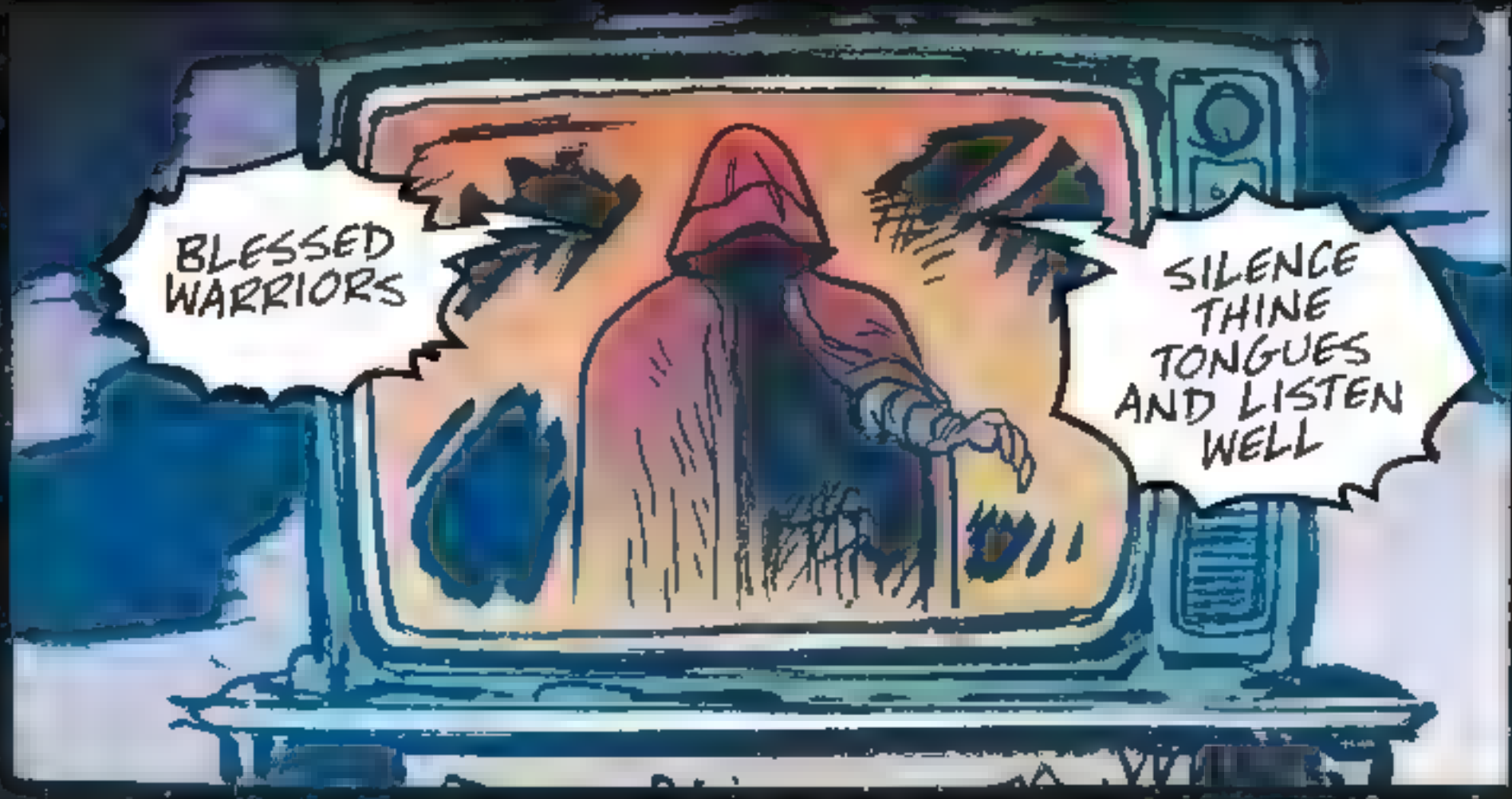
WE
FOUND
THIS.



HUH.



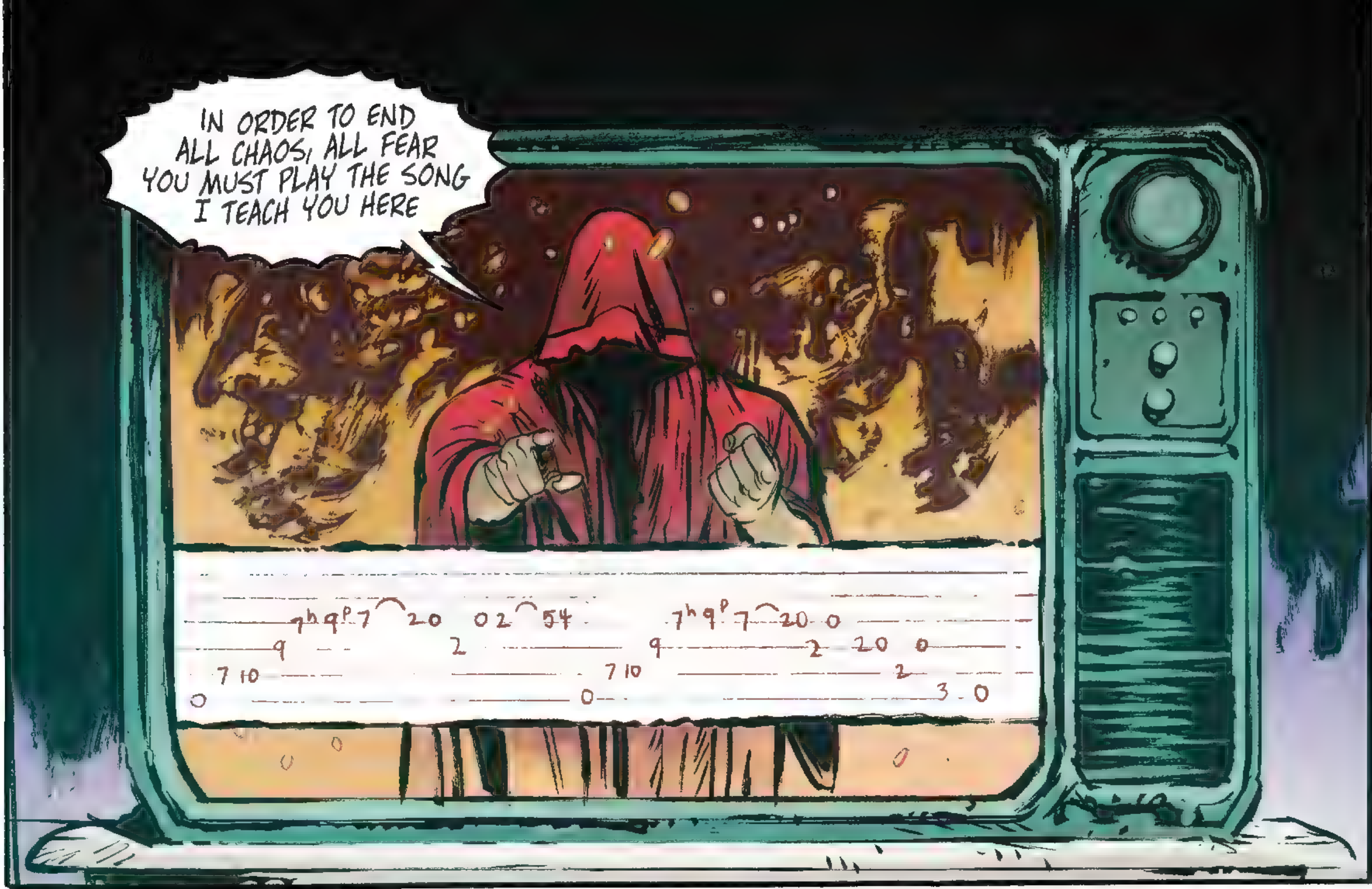
SHHHHHH

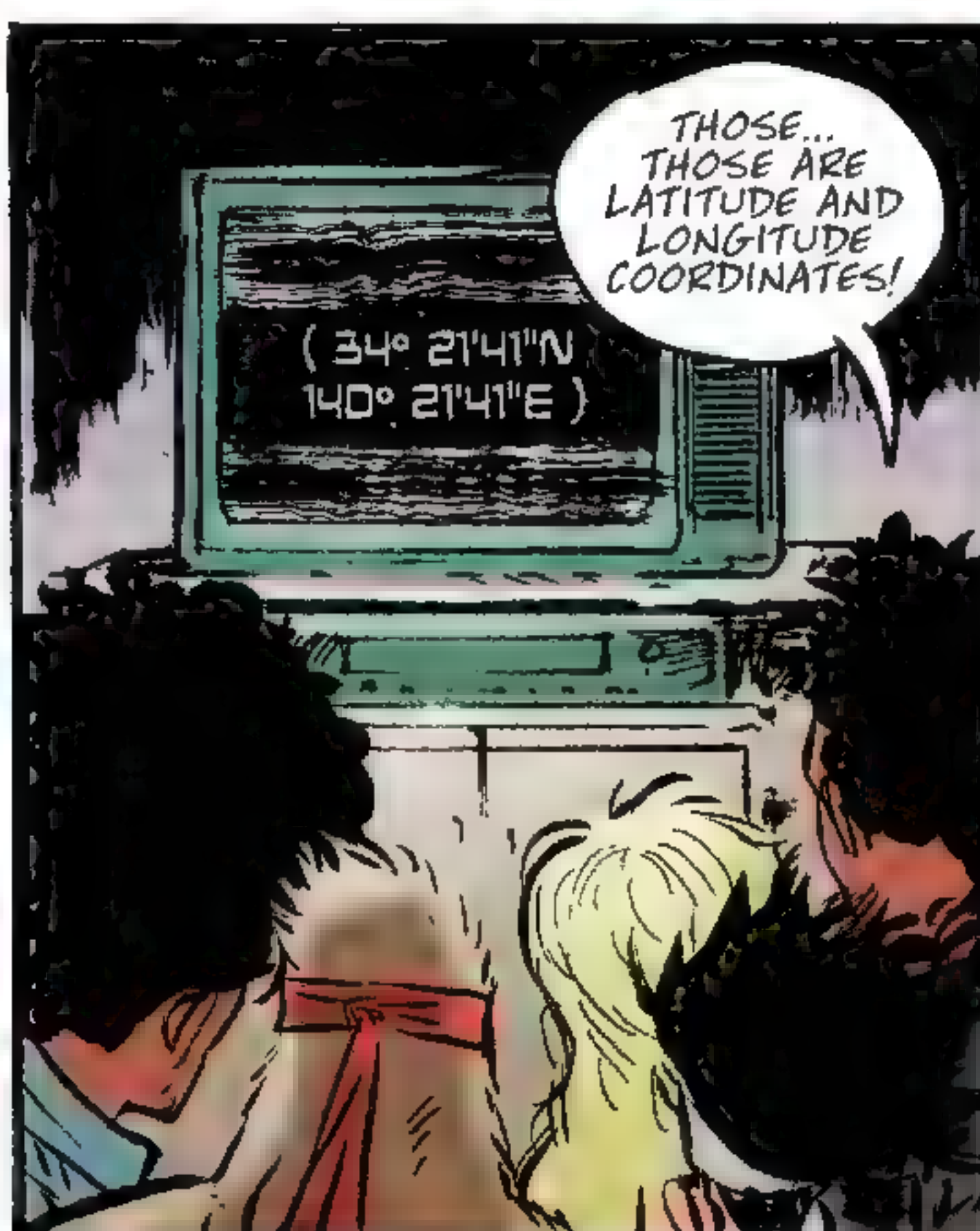
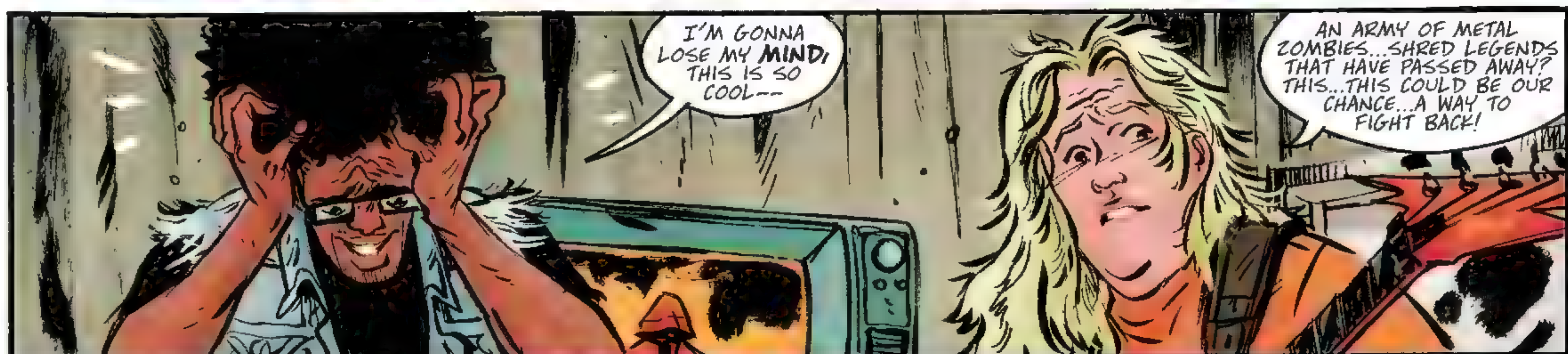
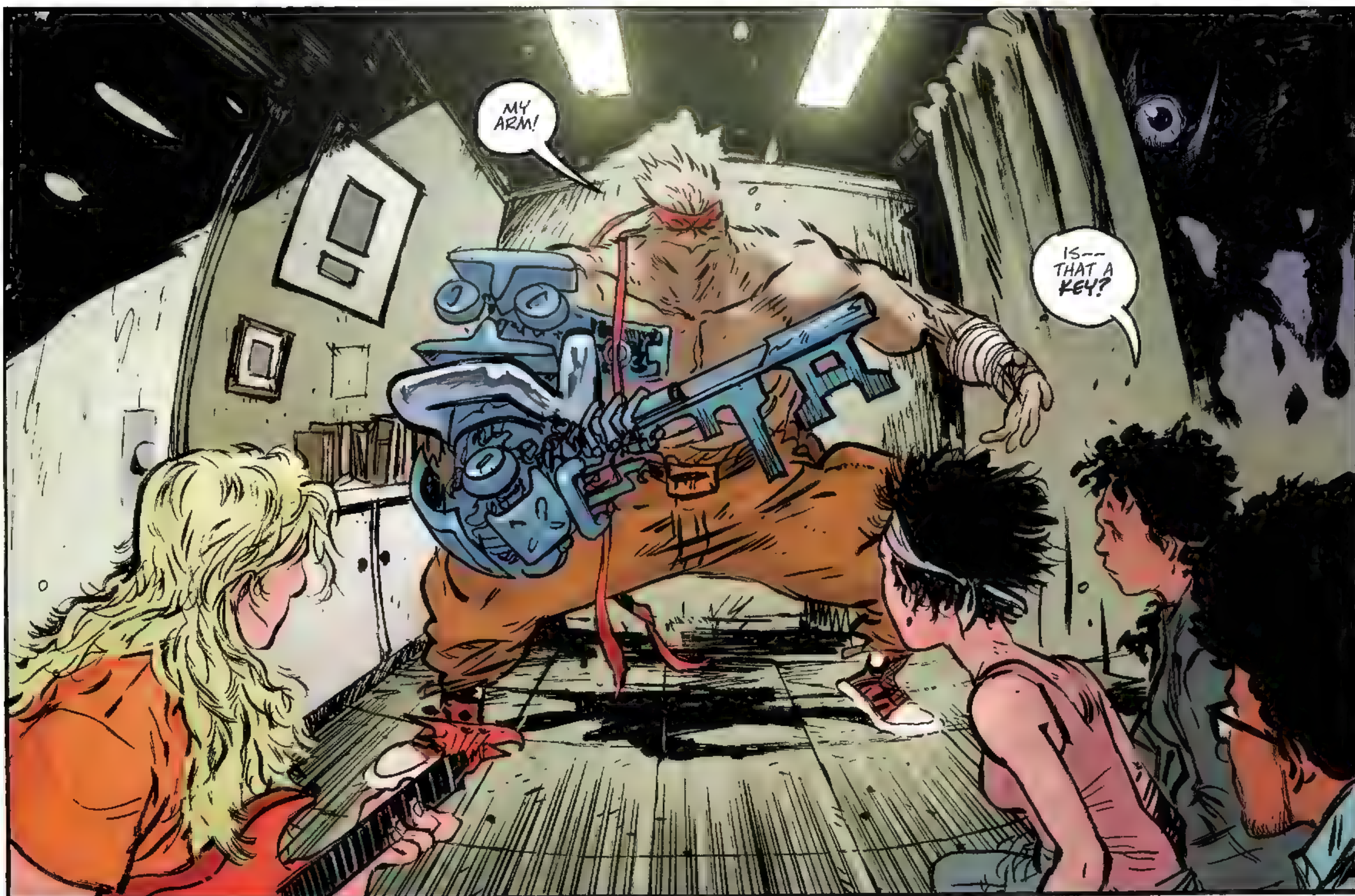


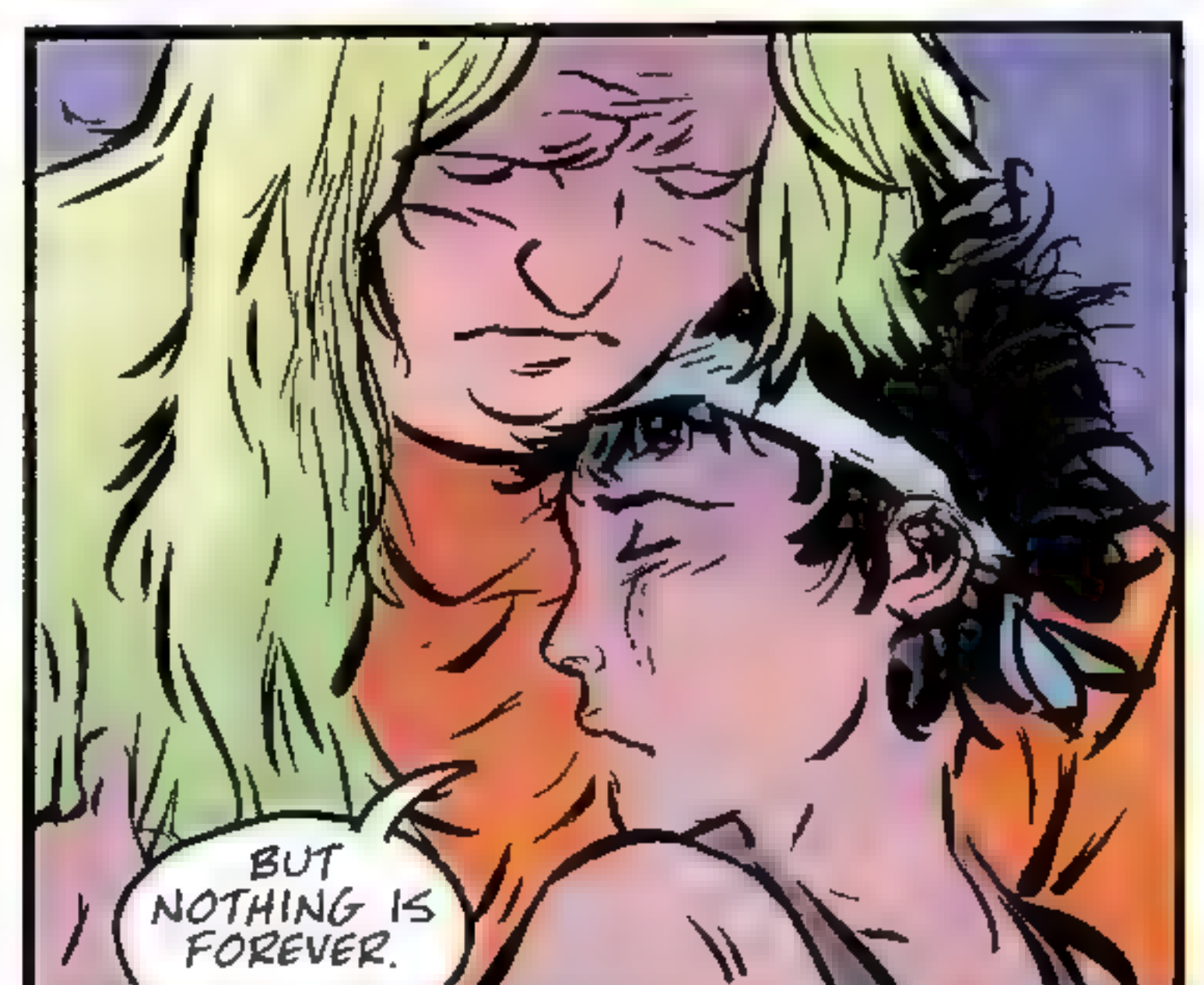
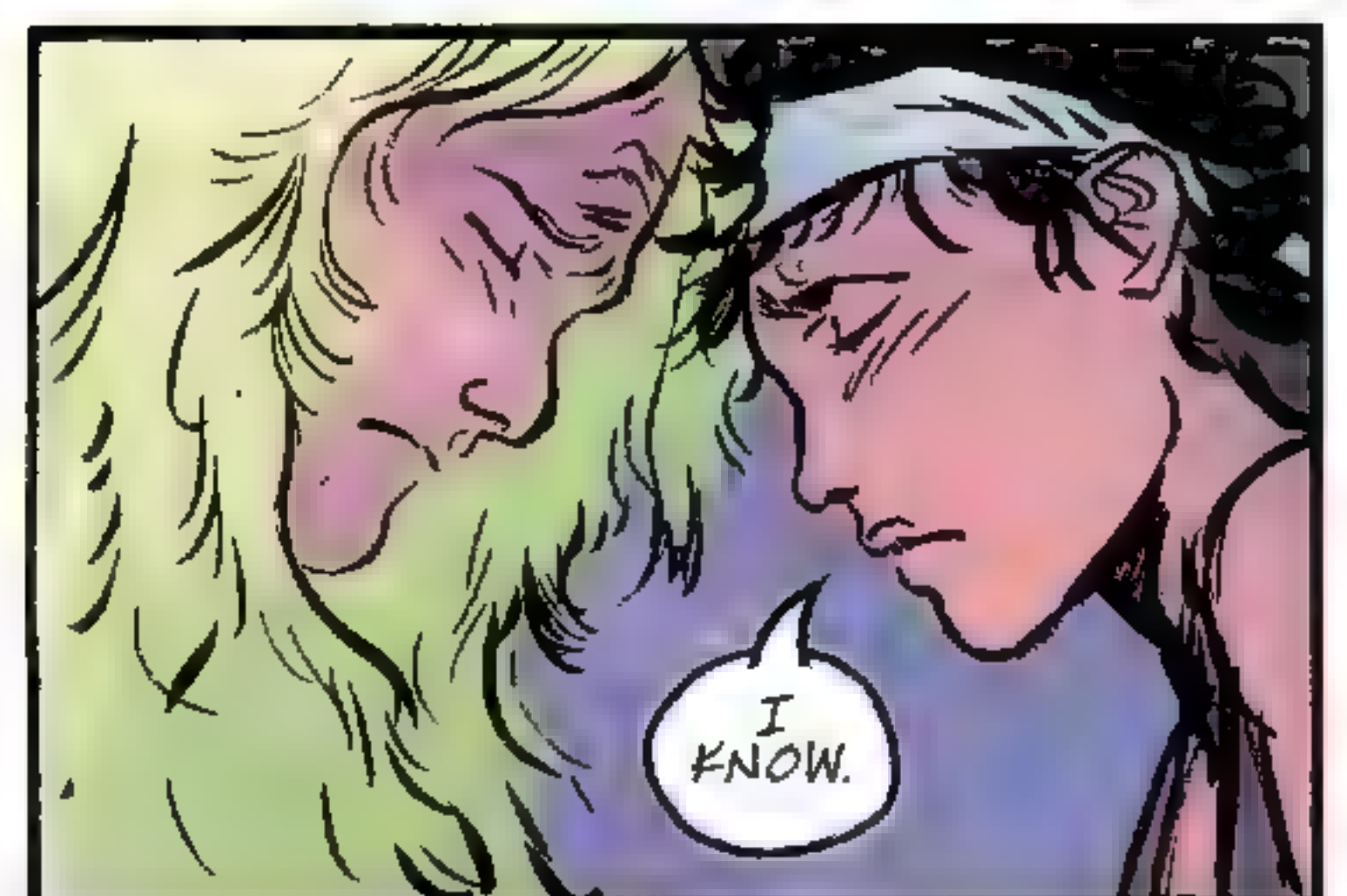
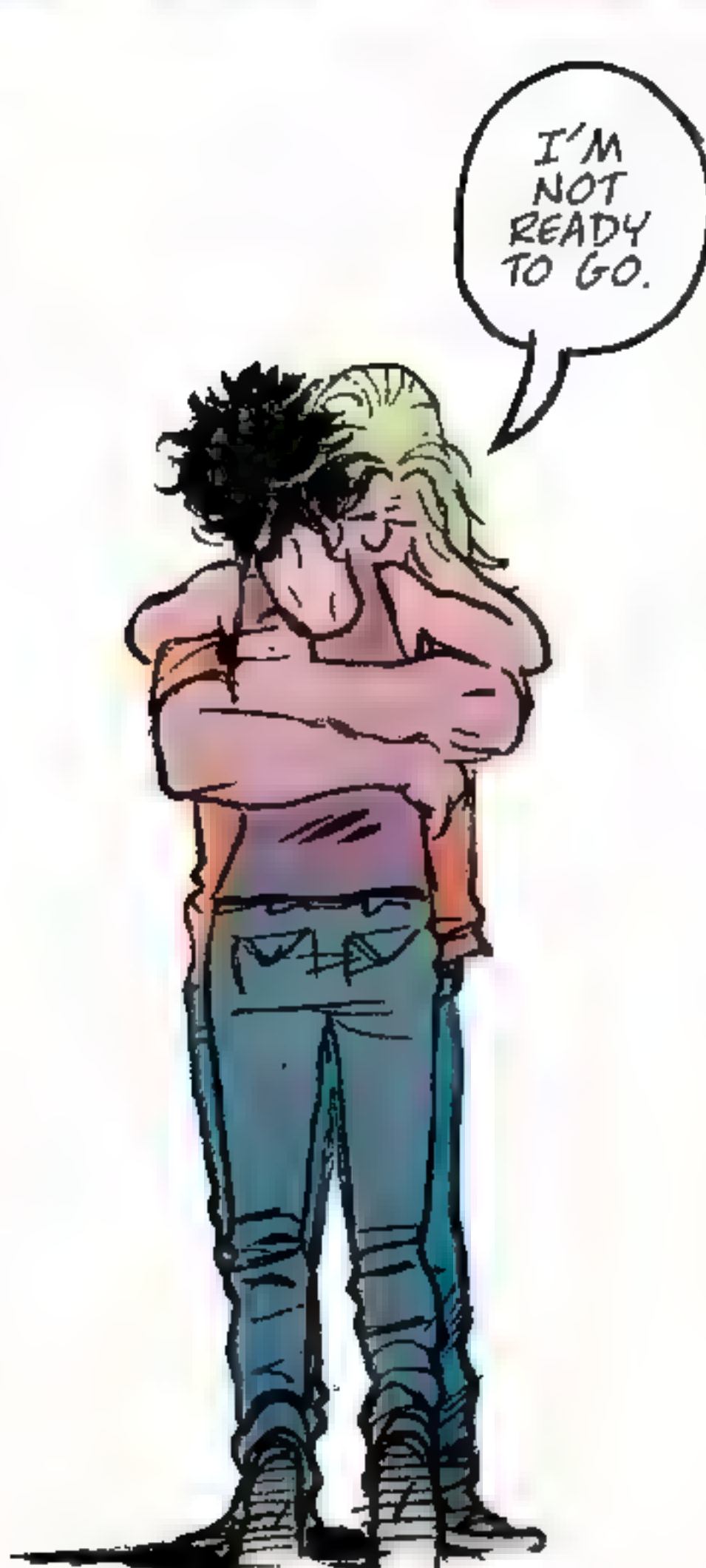
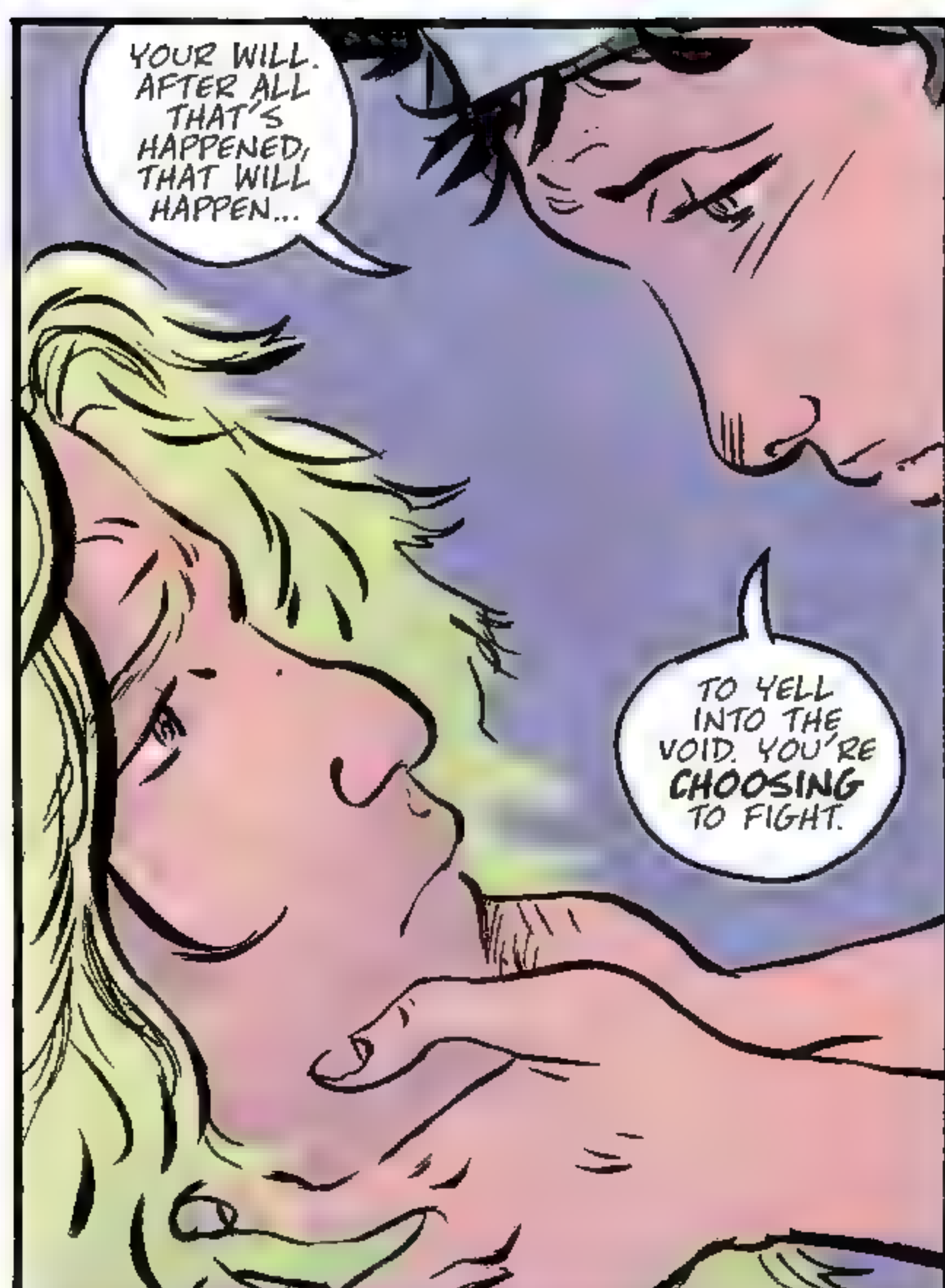
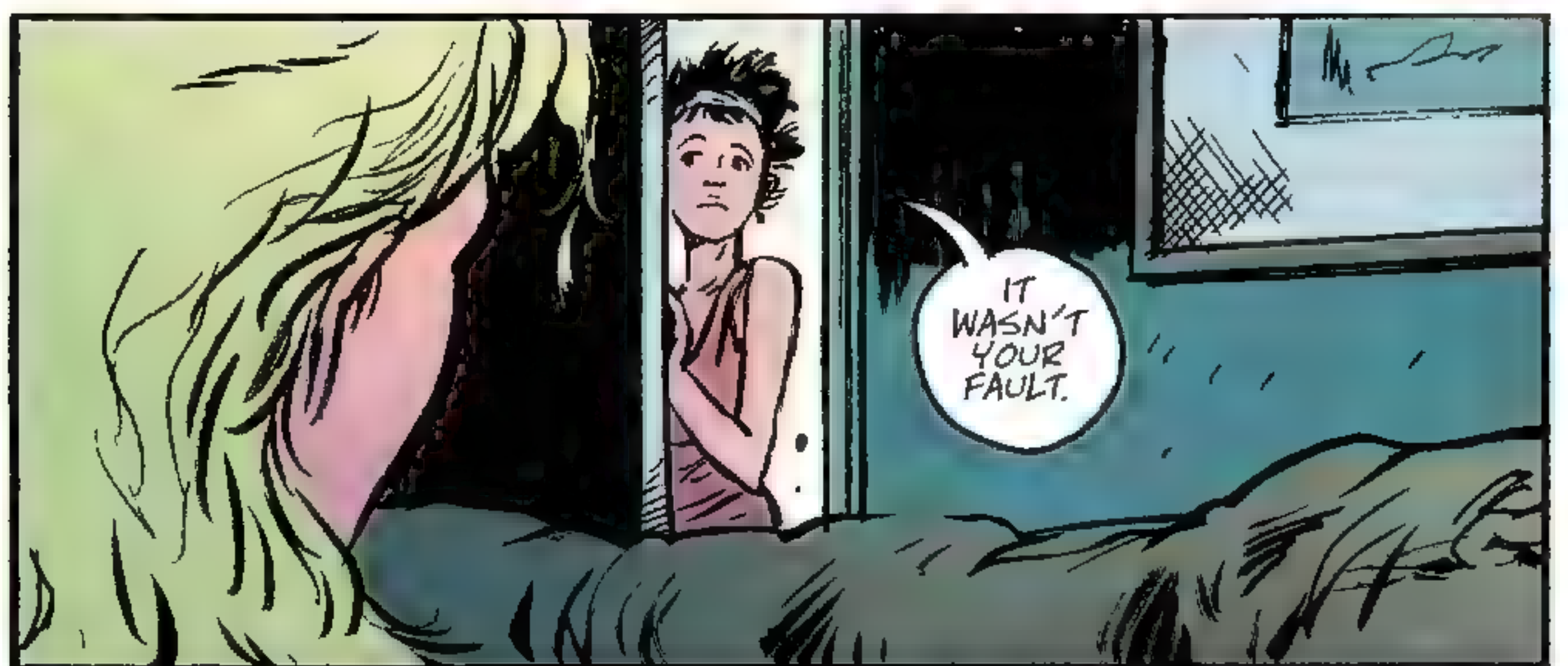
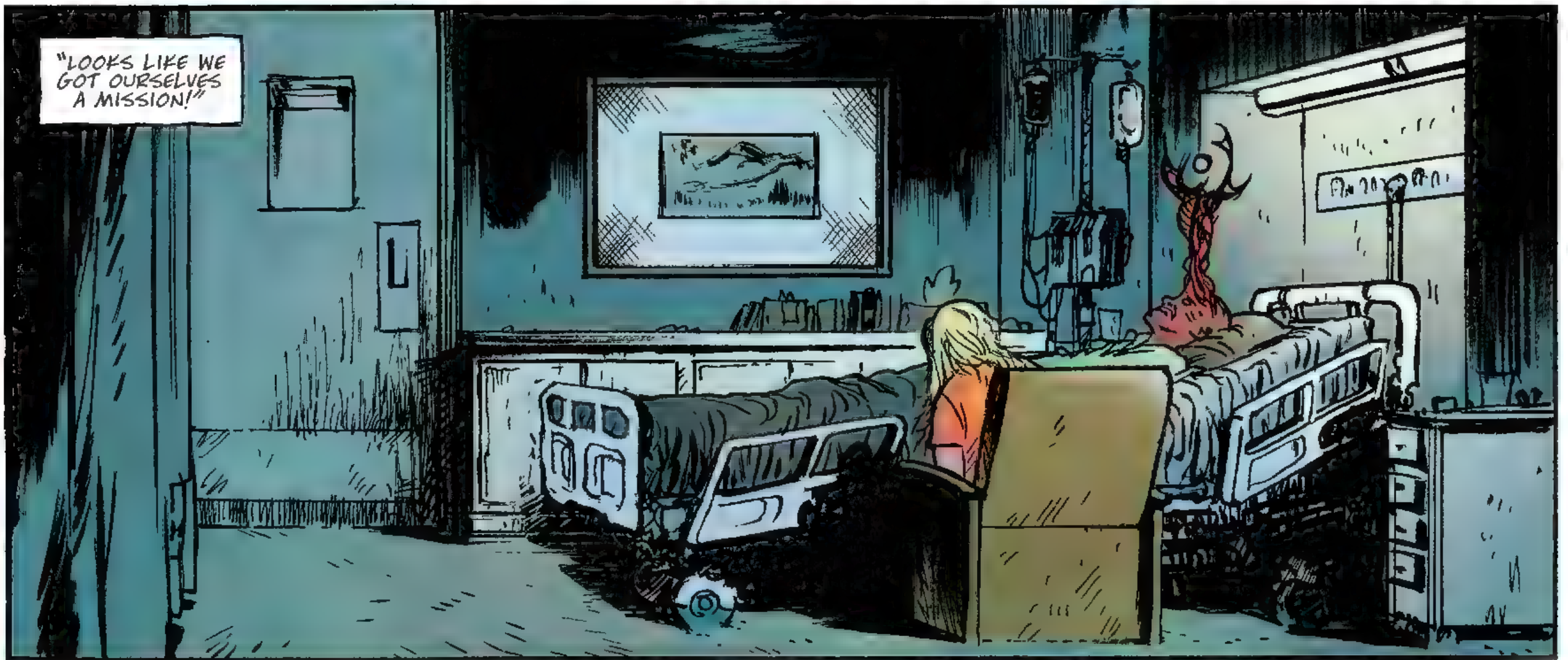
WITH ONE EPIC BLOW
THE SOUND WILL CALL
AN ARMY OF METAL
TO FIGHT FOR ALL

AN AWESOME PEOPLE
OF MUSICAL WARRIORS ALL
FROM THE EARTH THAT WILL COME
READY TO SHRED











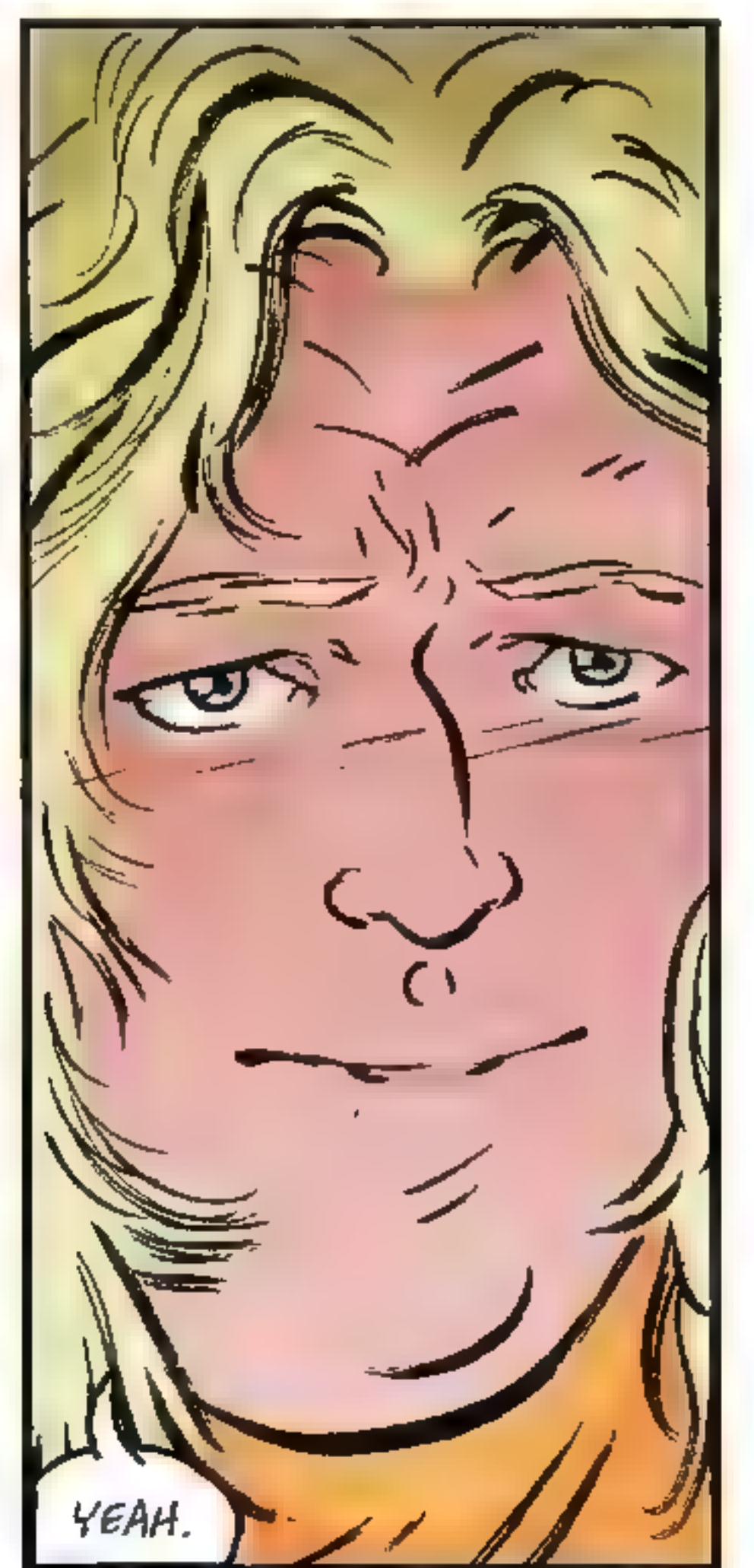
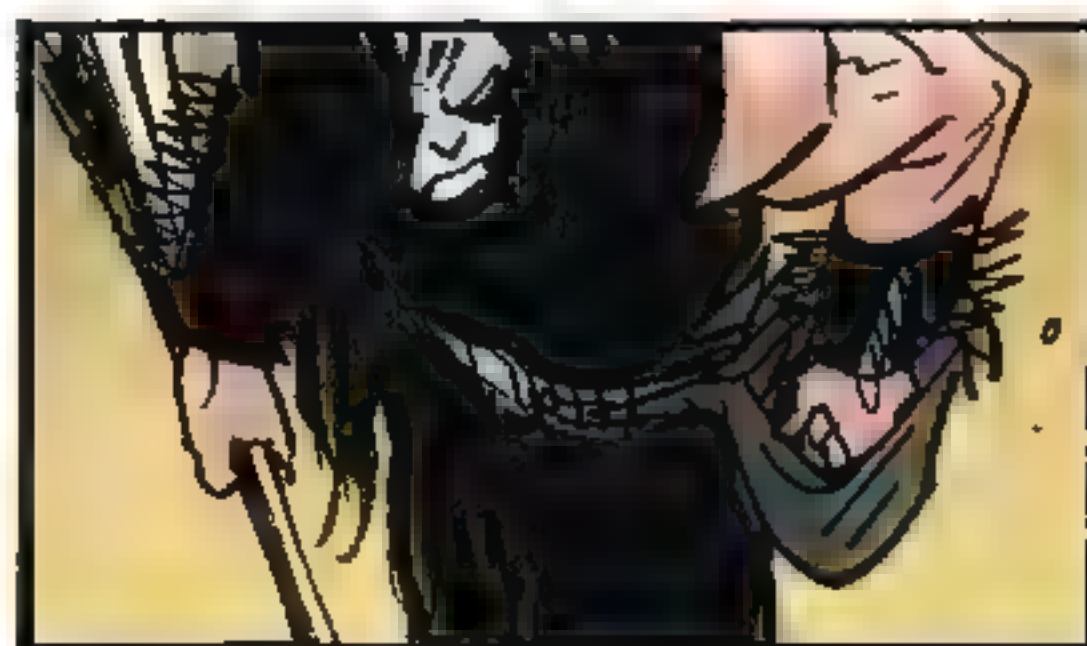
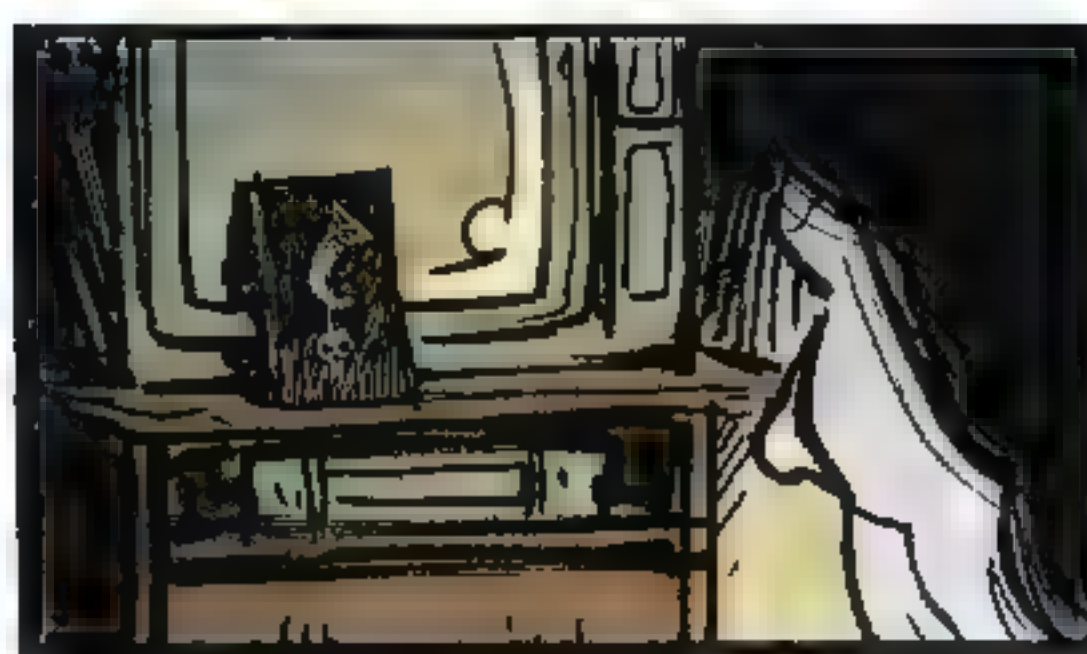
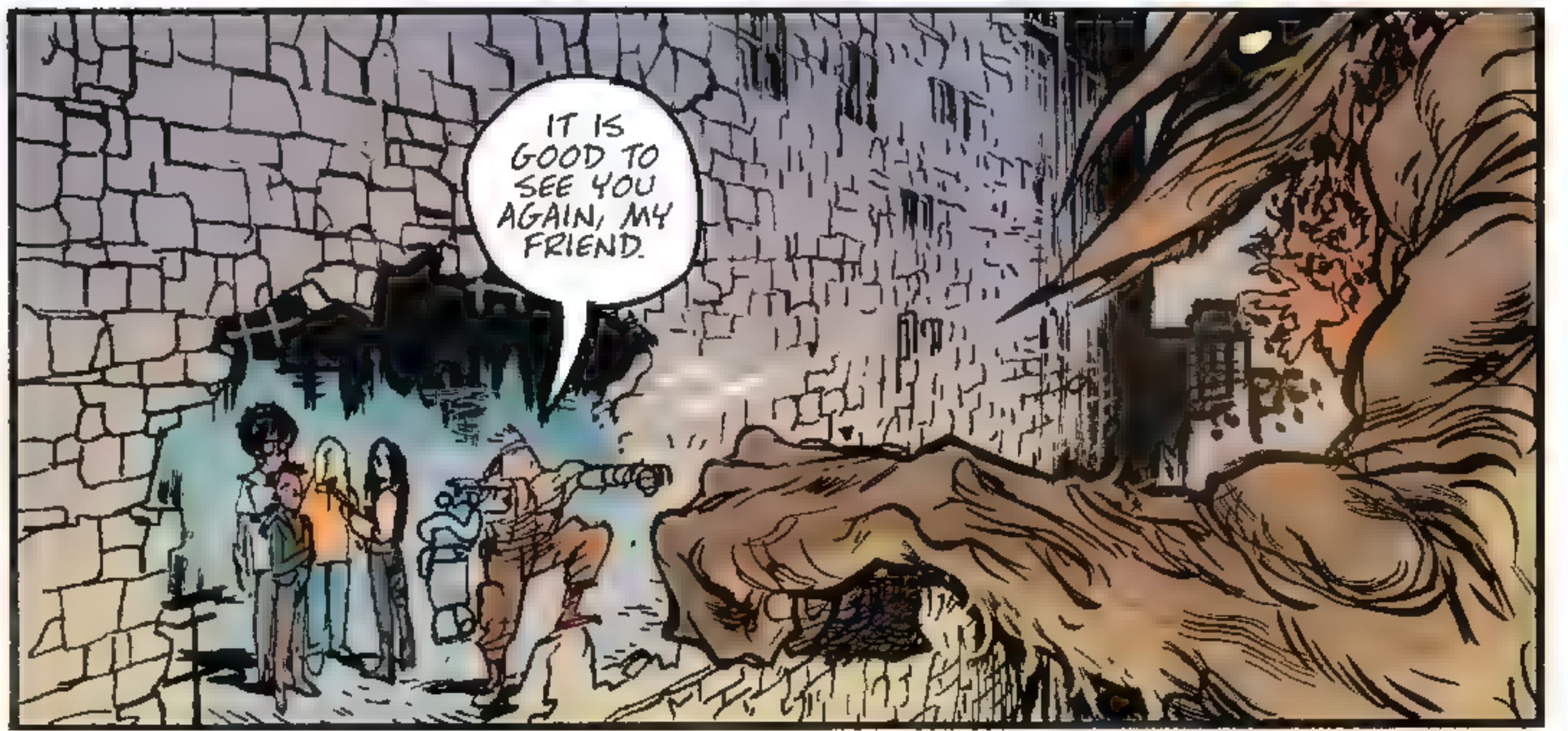


OF
BROOTICUS?

I AM
HJELMDAR. THE
SOLE SURVIVOR
OF THE BAND
WHISPERWOOD.

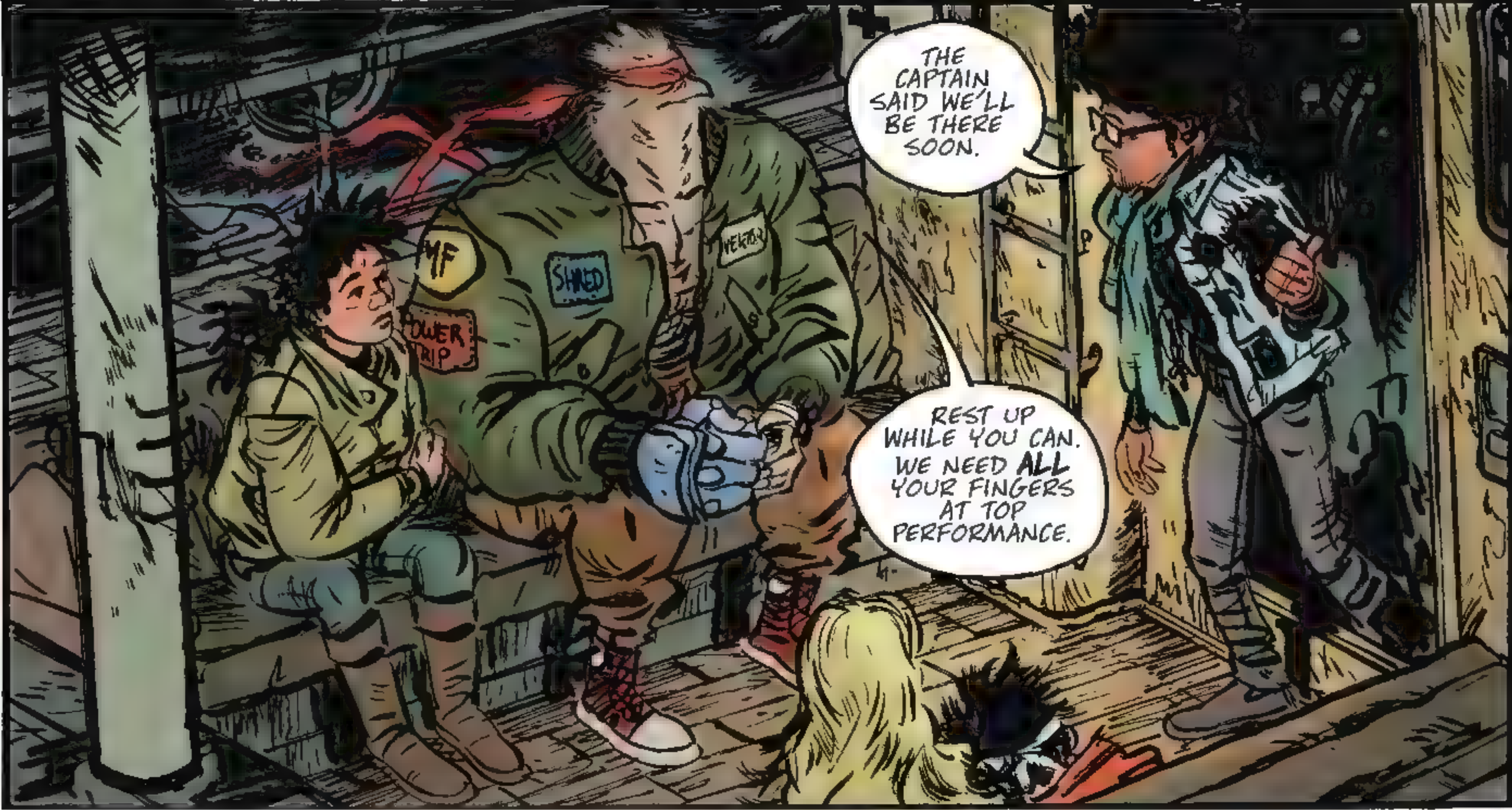


I WANT TO
JOIN YOUR
BAND.



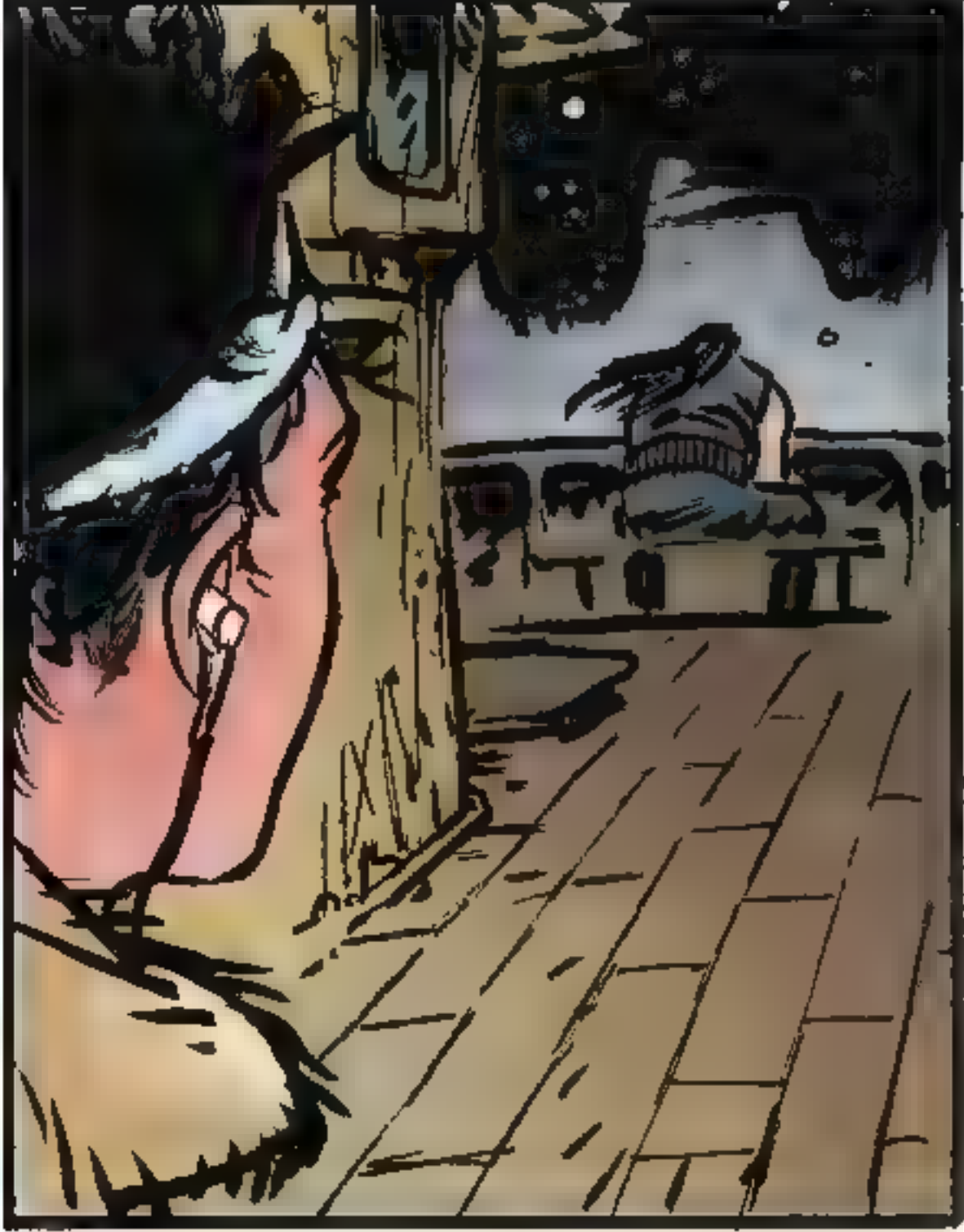
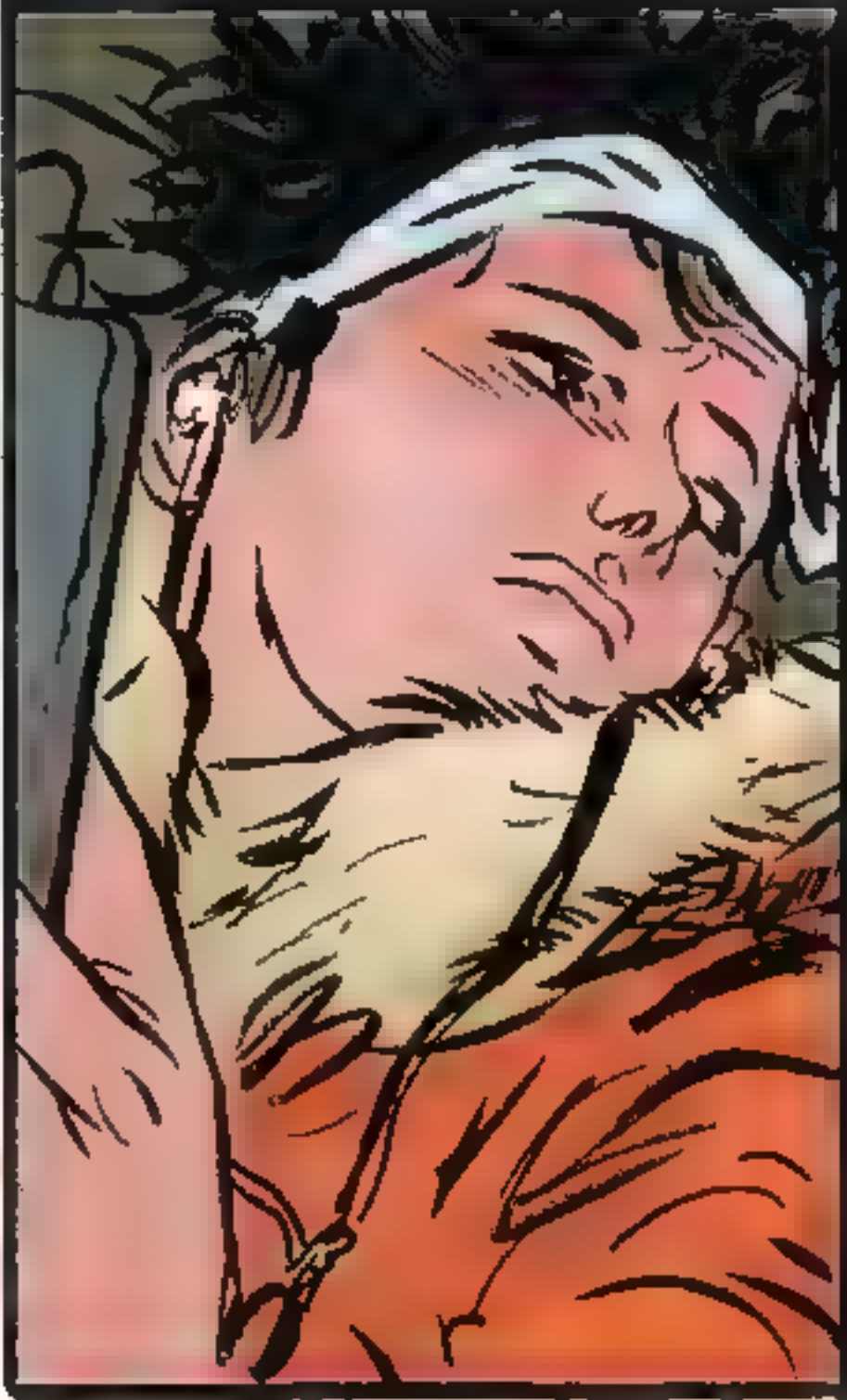
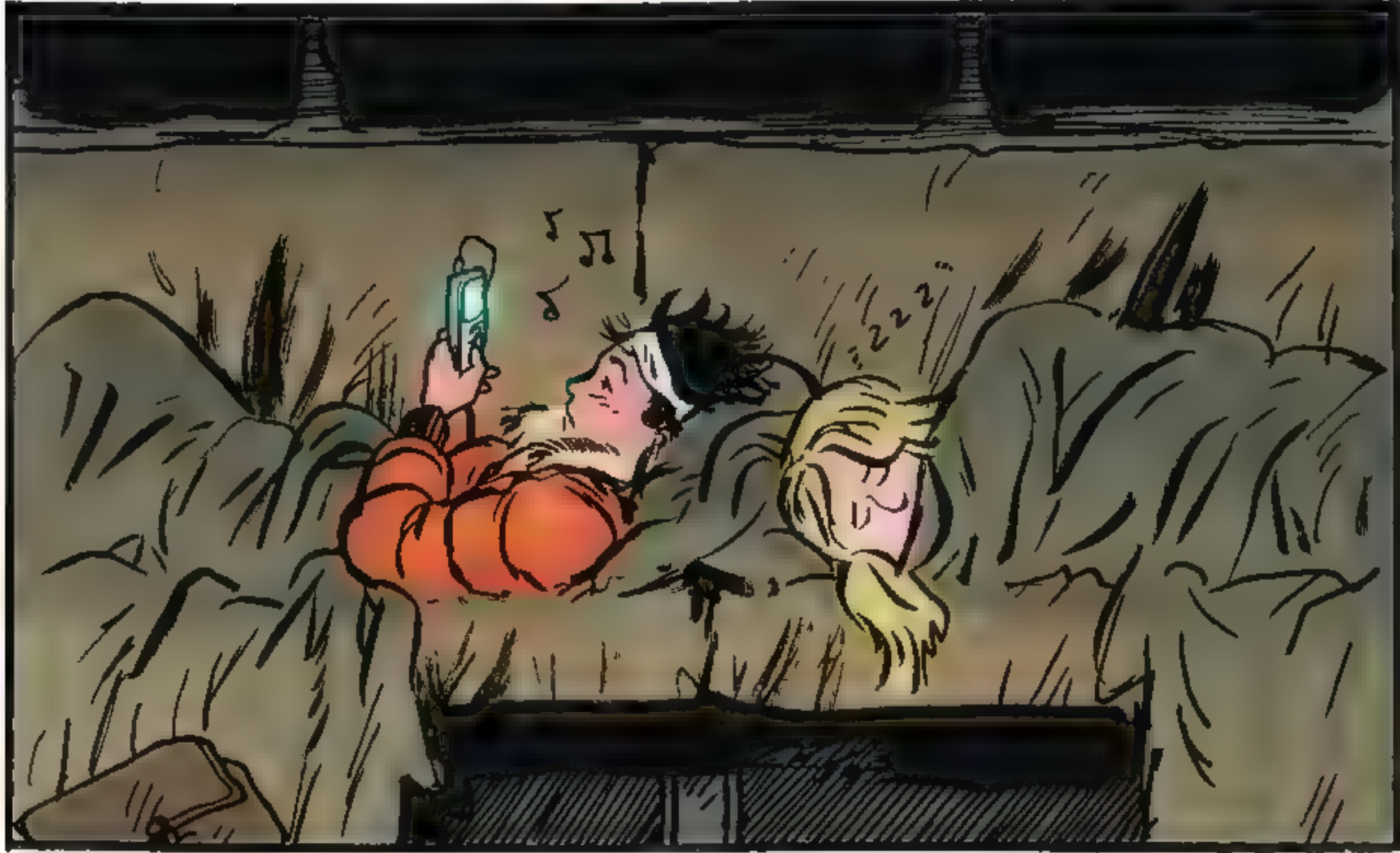
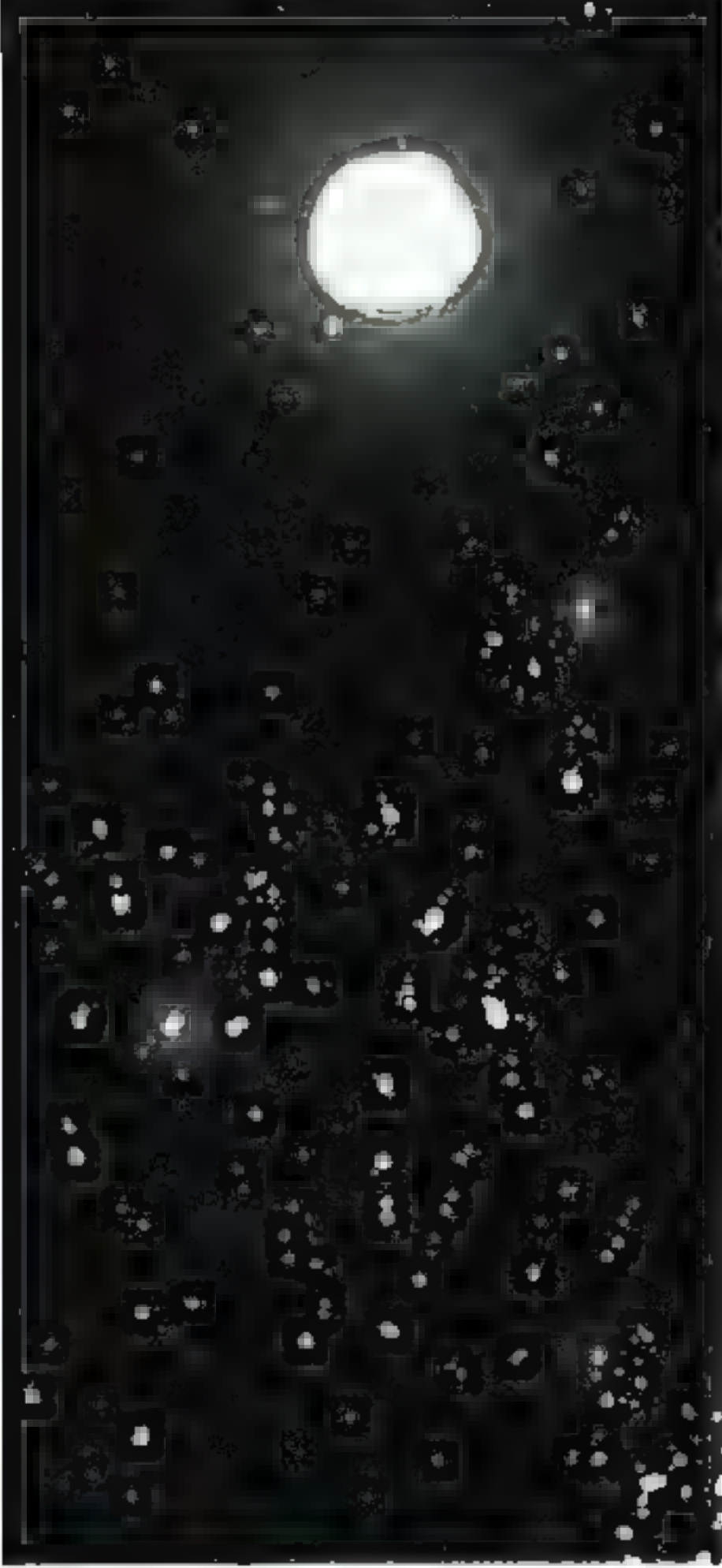


"YOU FEEL LIKE COMING WITH US TO JAPAN?"

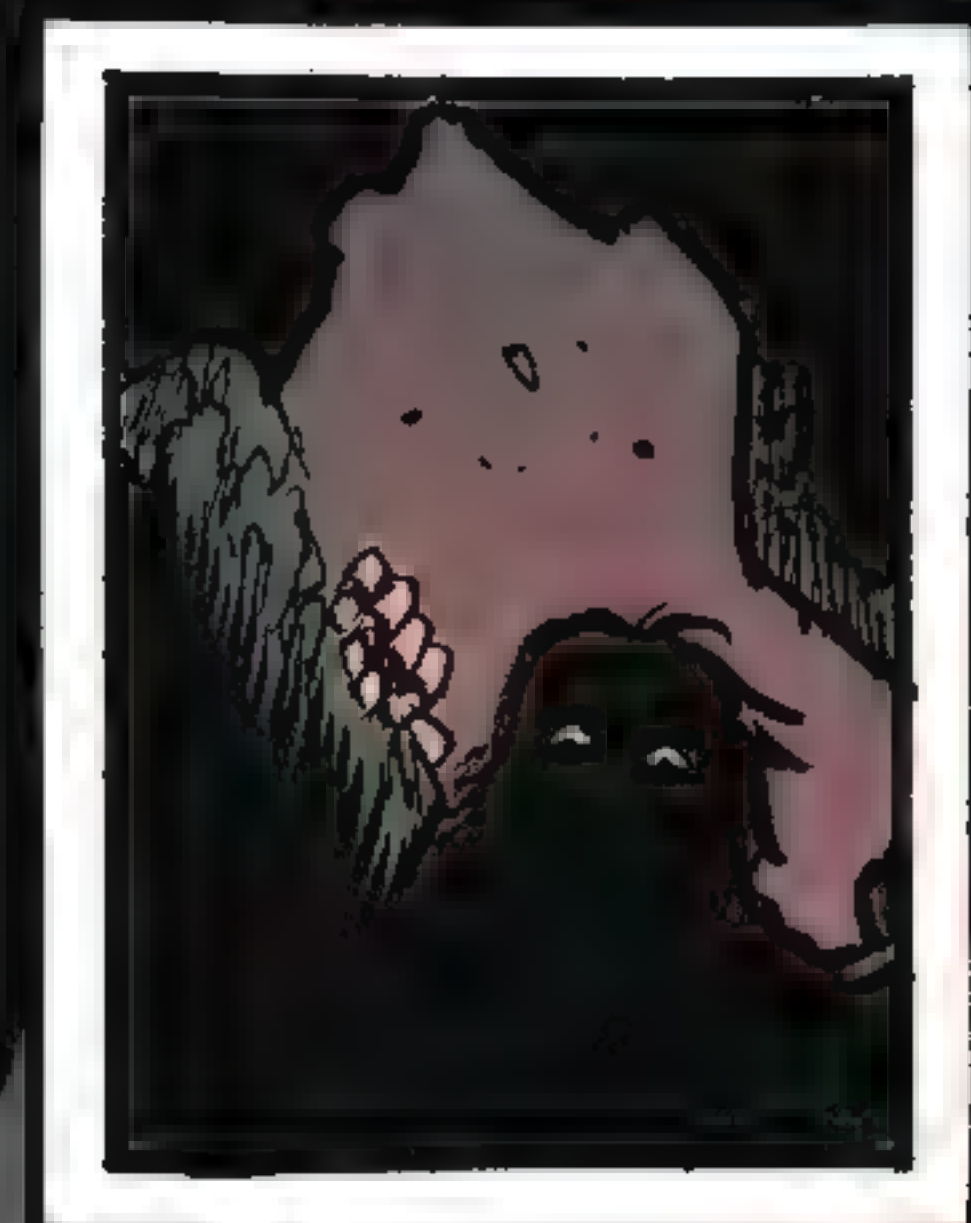
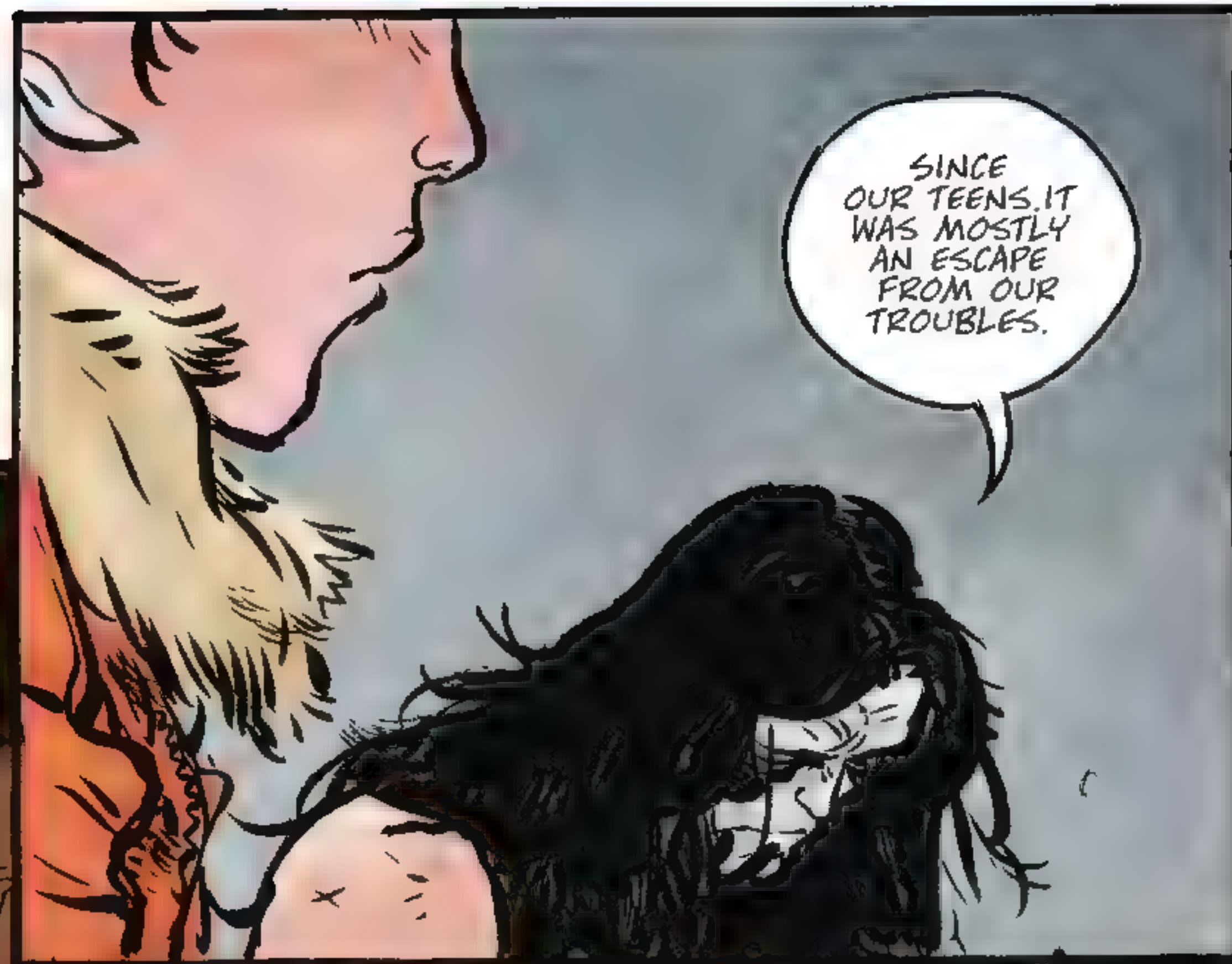


THE CAPTAIN SAID WE'LL BE THERE SOON.

REST UP WHILE YOU CAN. WE NEED ALL YOUR FINGERS AT TOP PERFORMANCE.

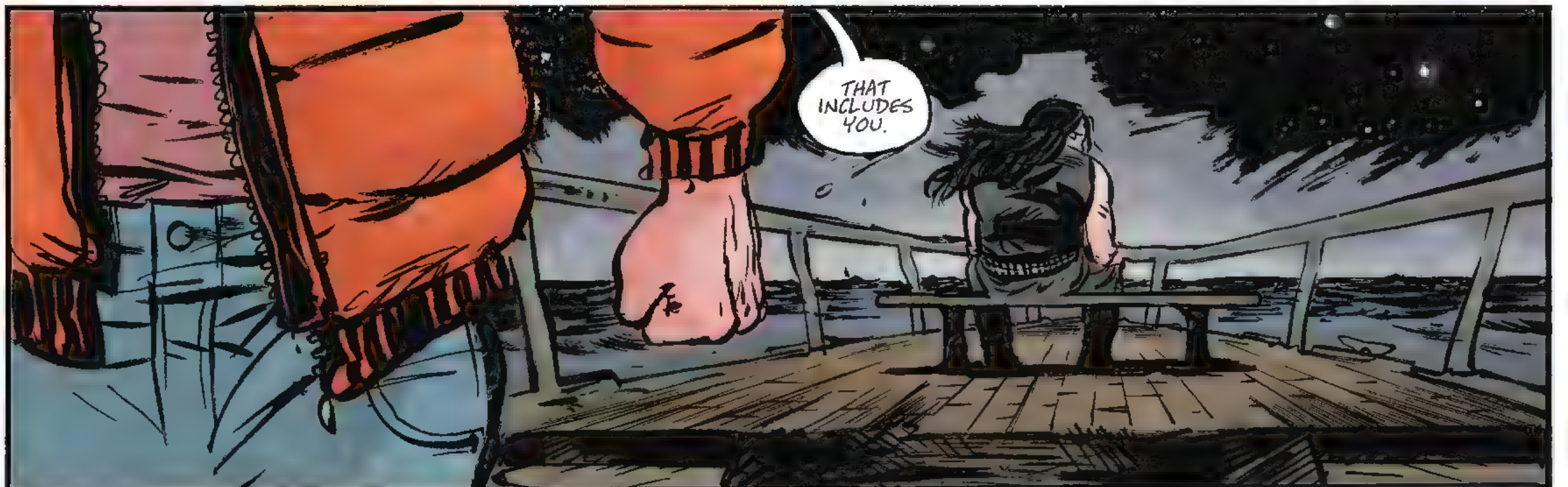
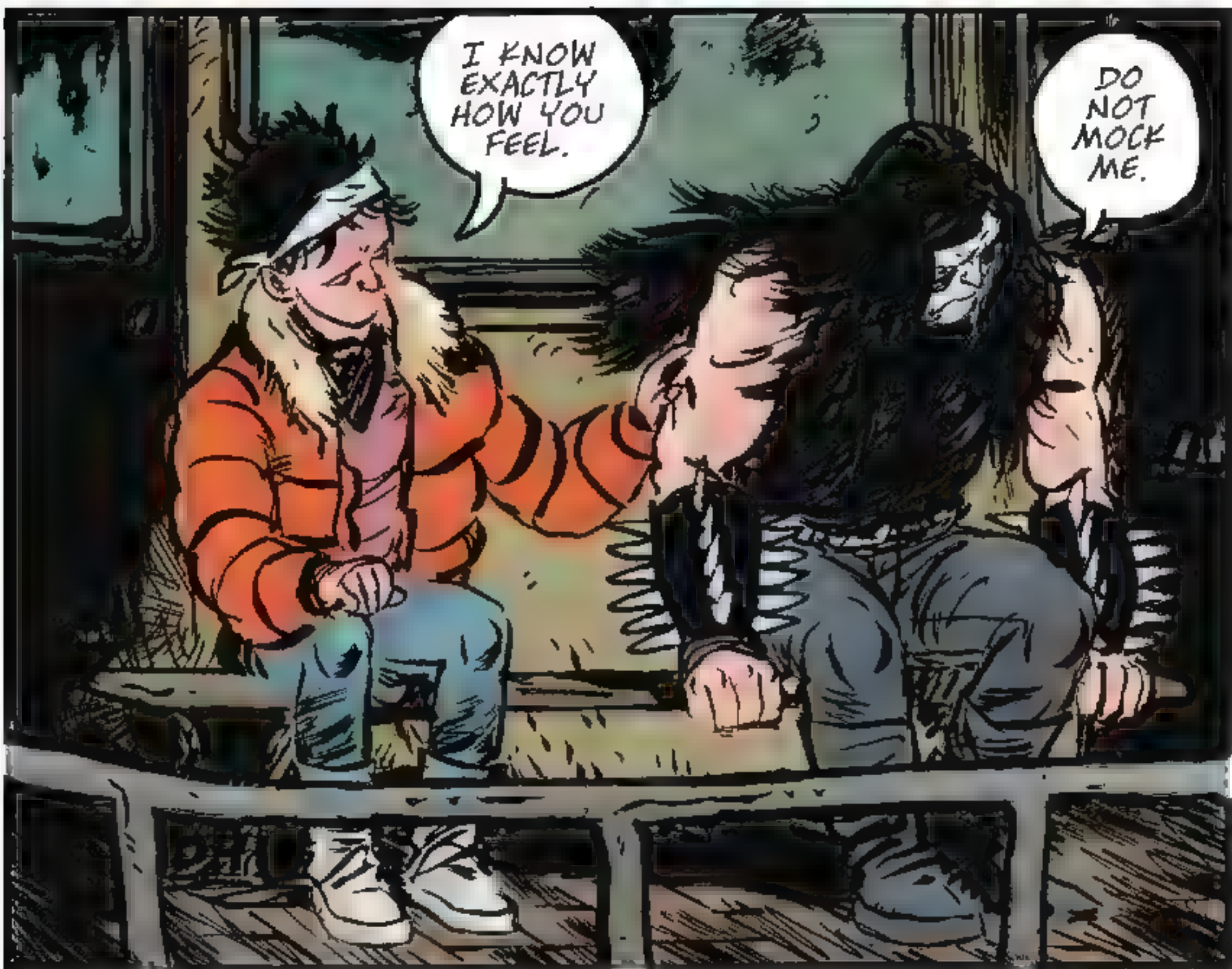
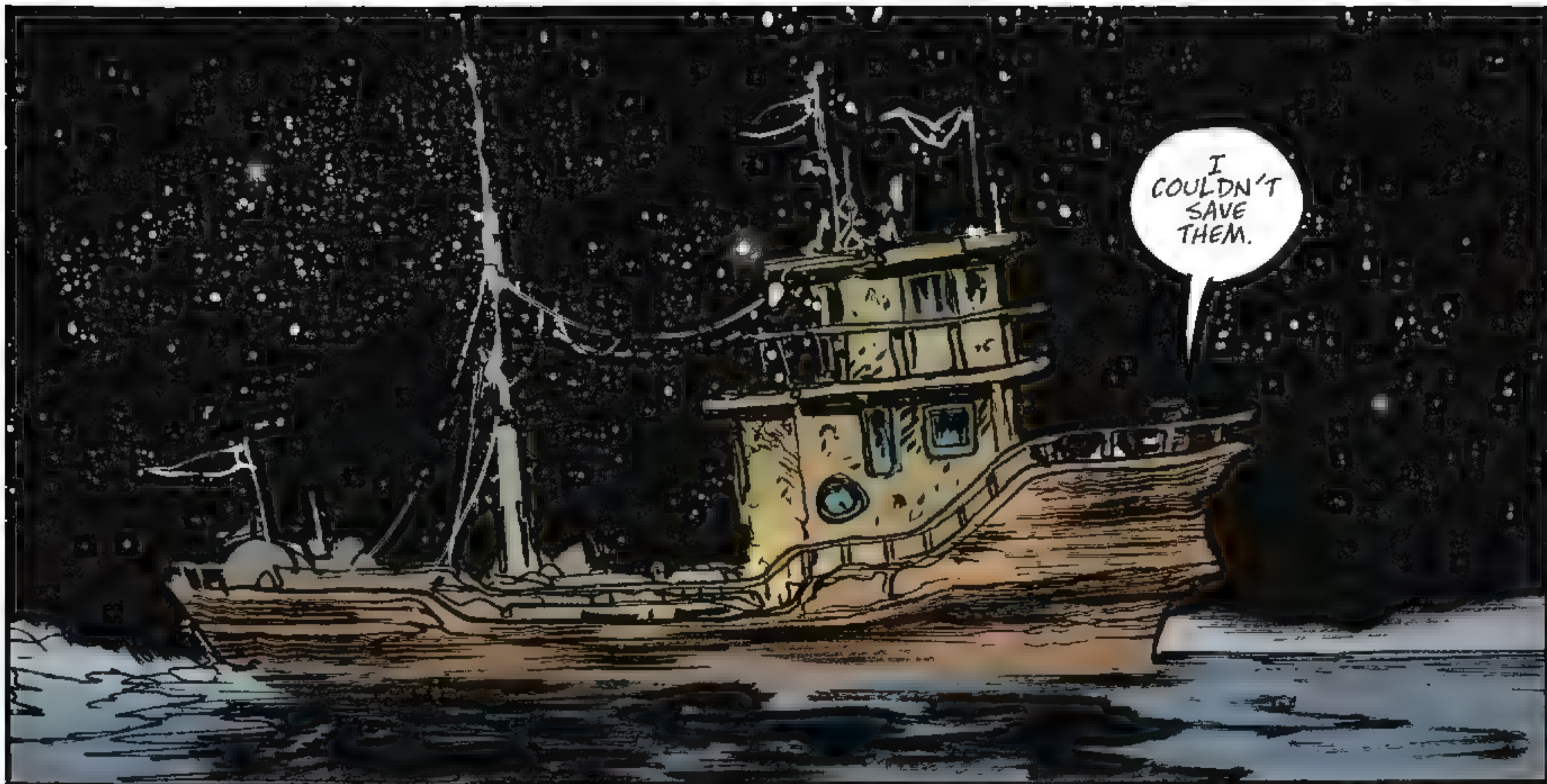


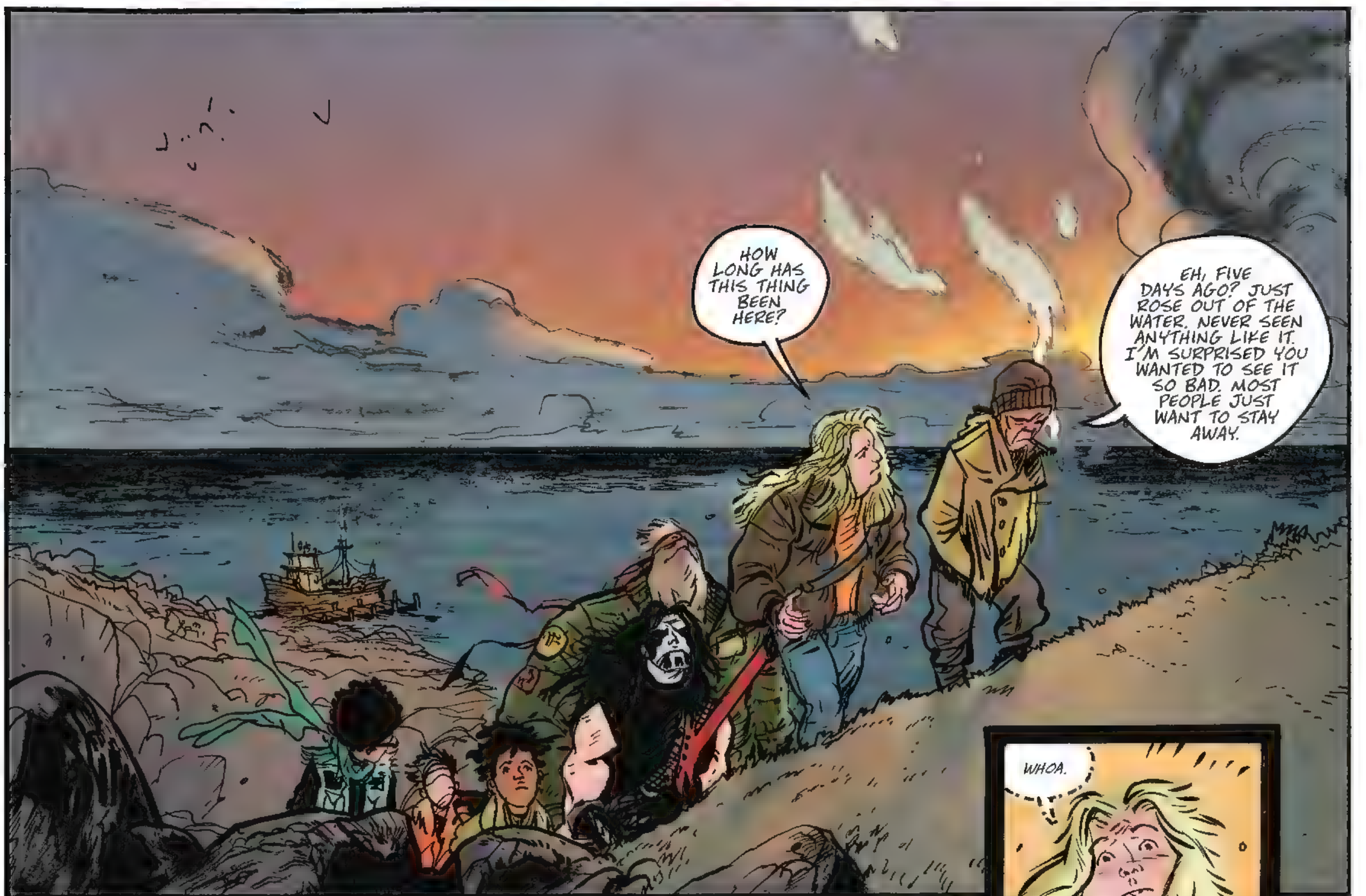
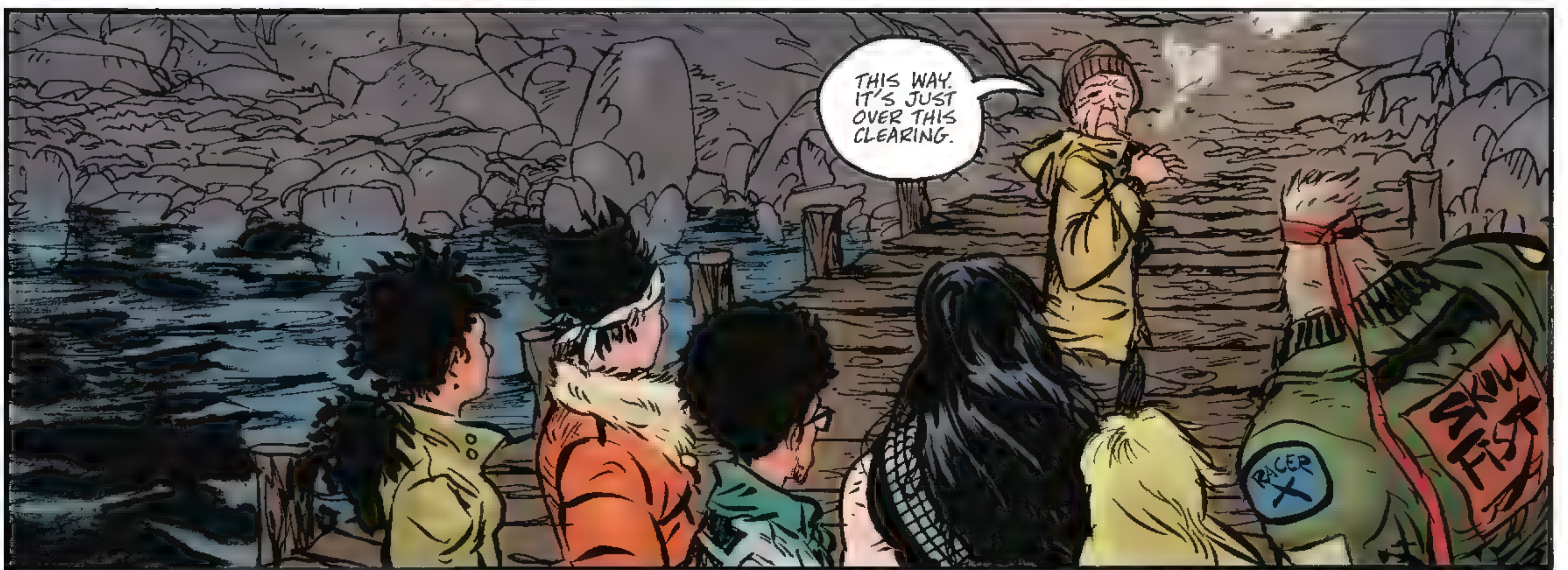
I REALLY LIKE YOUR BAND.

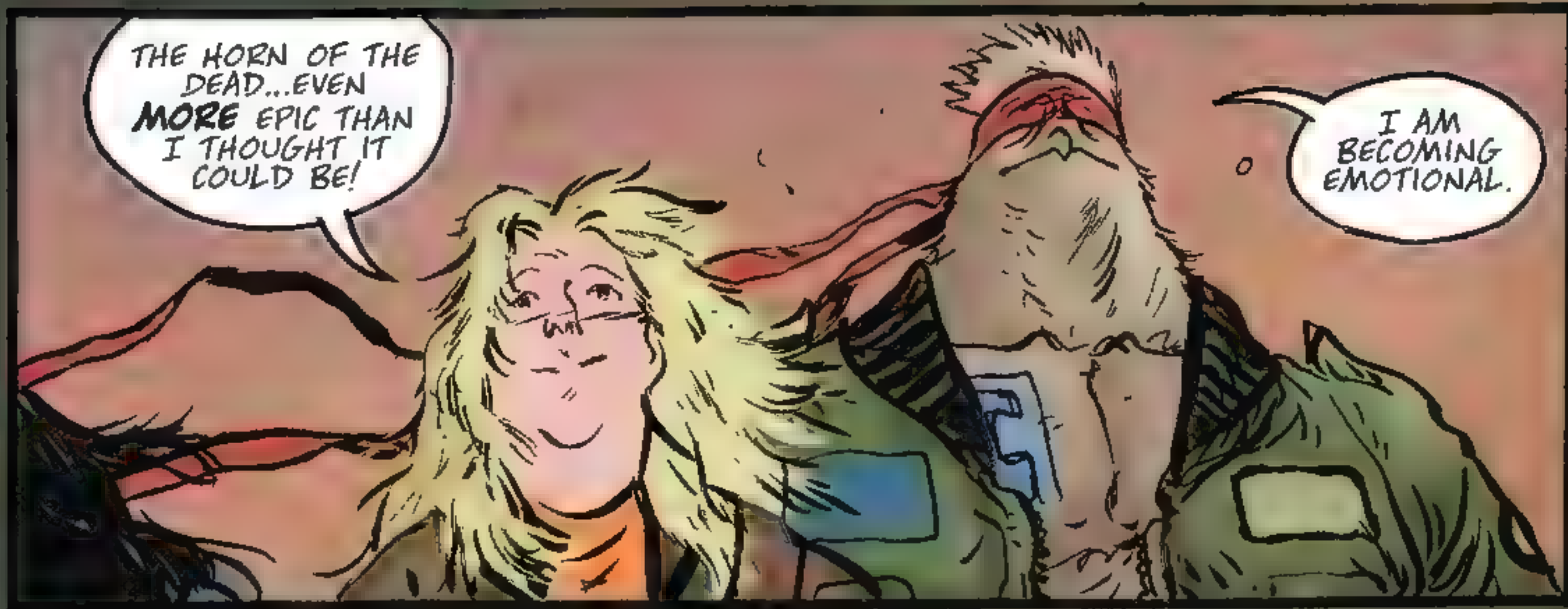
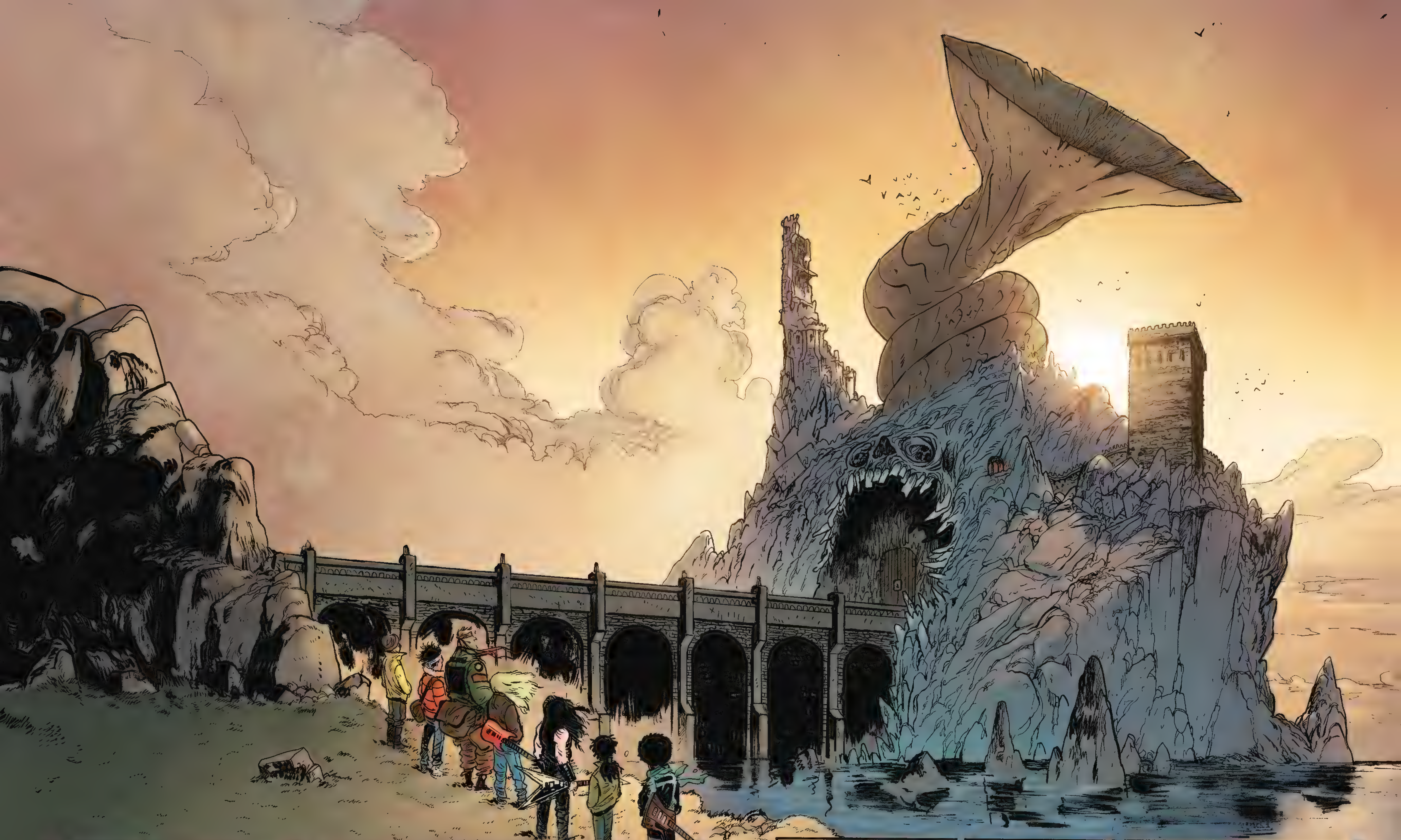


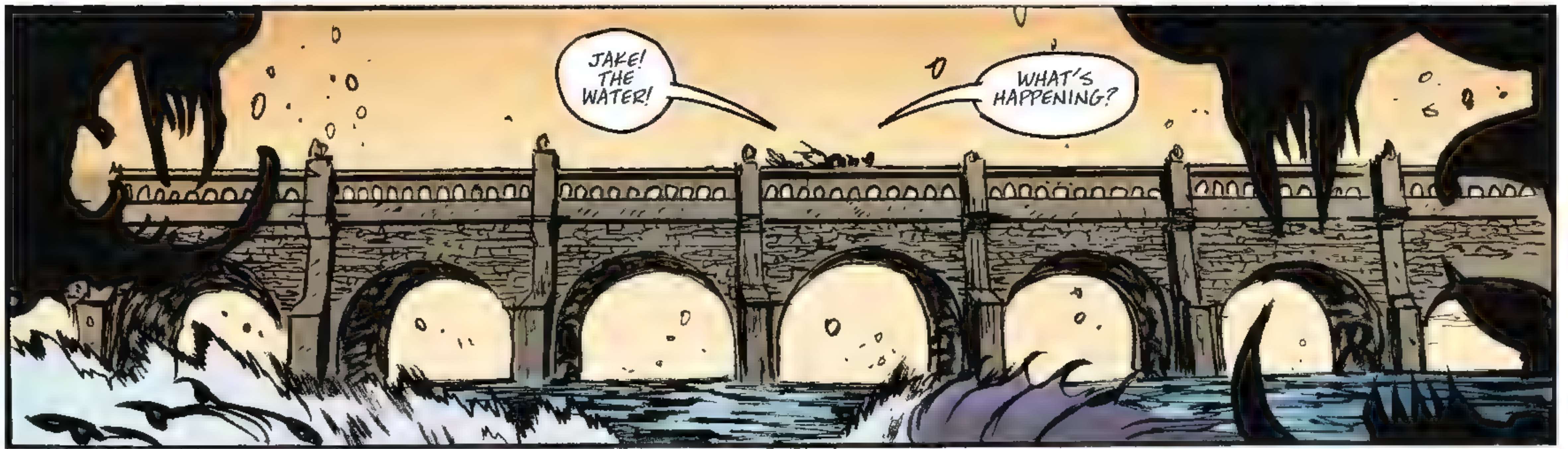
"BUT THEN WE STUMBLED ONTO SOMETHING LIFE CHANGING."





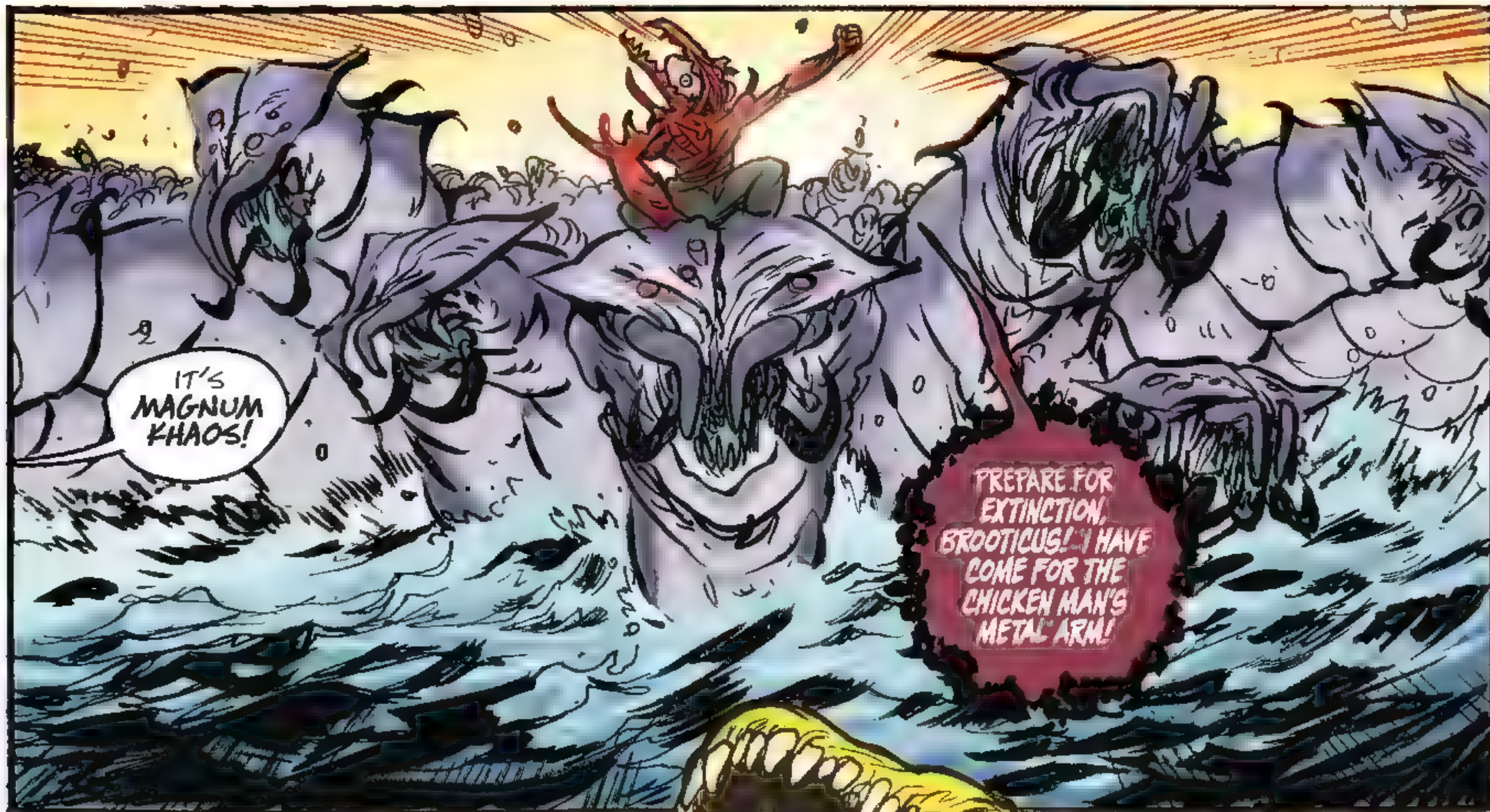






JAKE!
THE
WATER!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?



IT'S
MAGNUM
KHAOS!

PREPARE FOR
EXTINCTION,
BROOTICUS! I HAVE
COME FOR THE
CHICKEN MAN'S
METAL ARM!



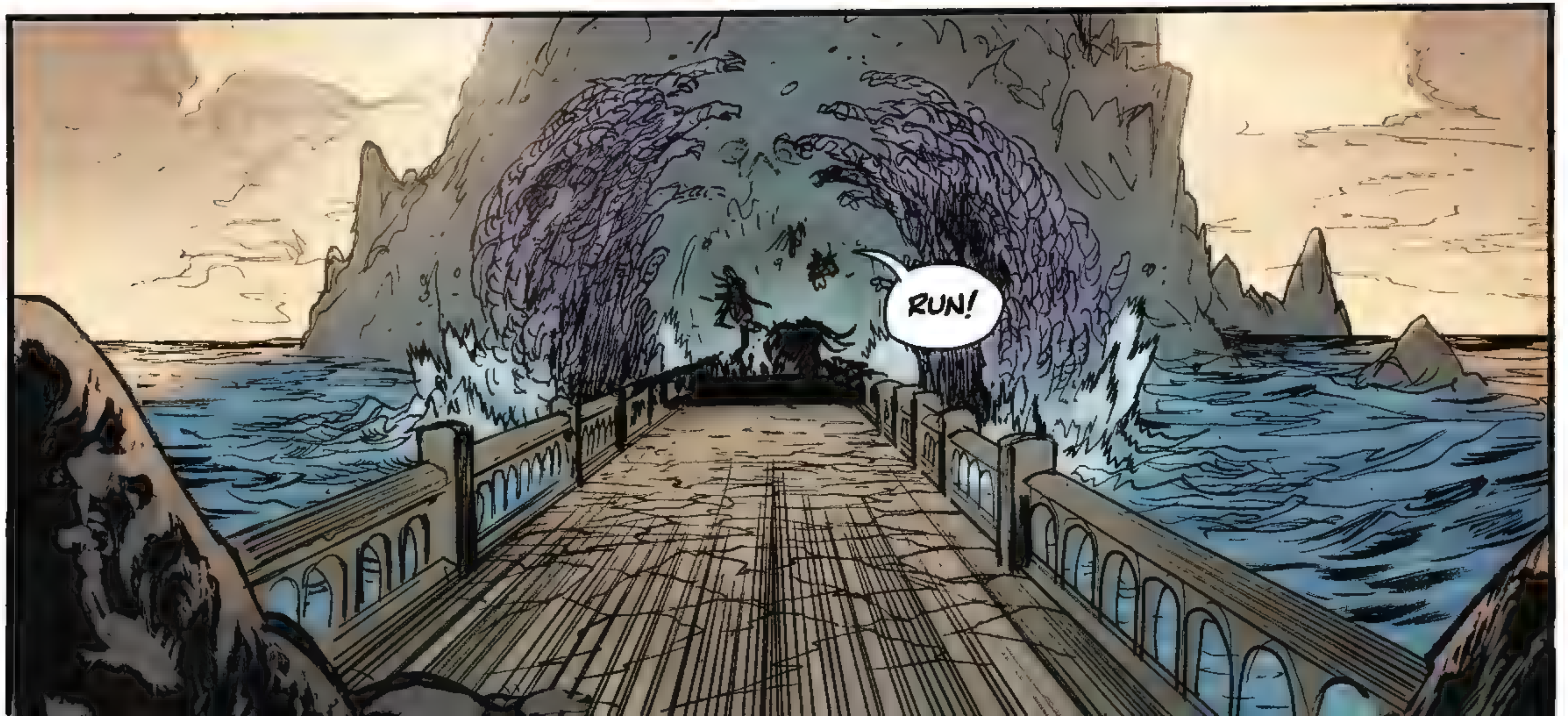
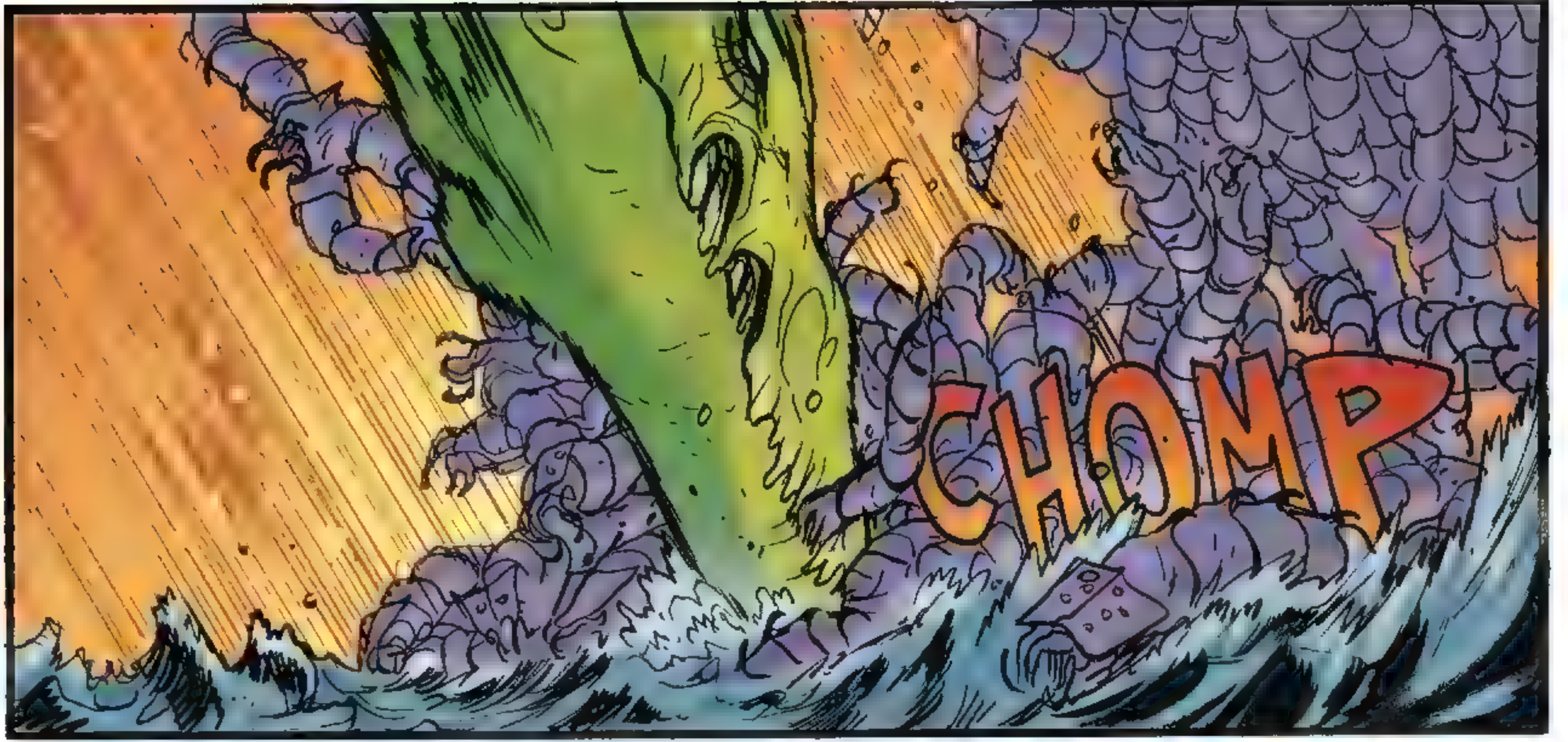
HOW
DID HE
FIND
US?

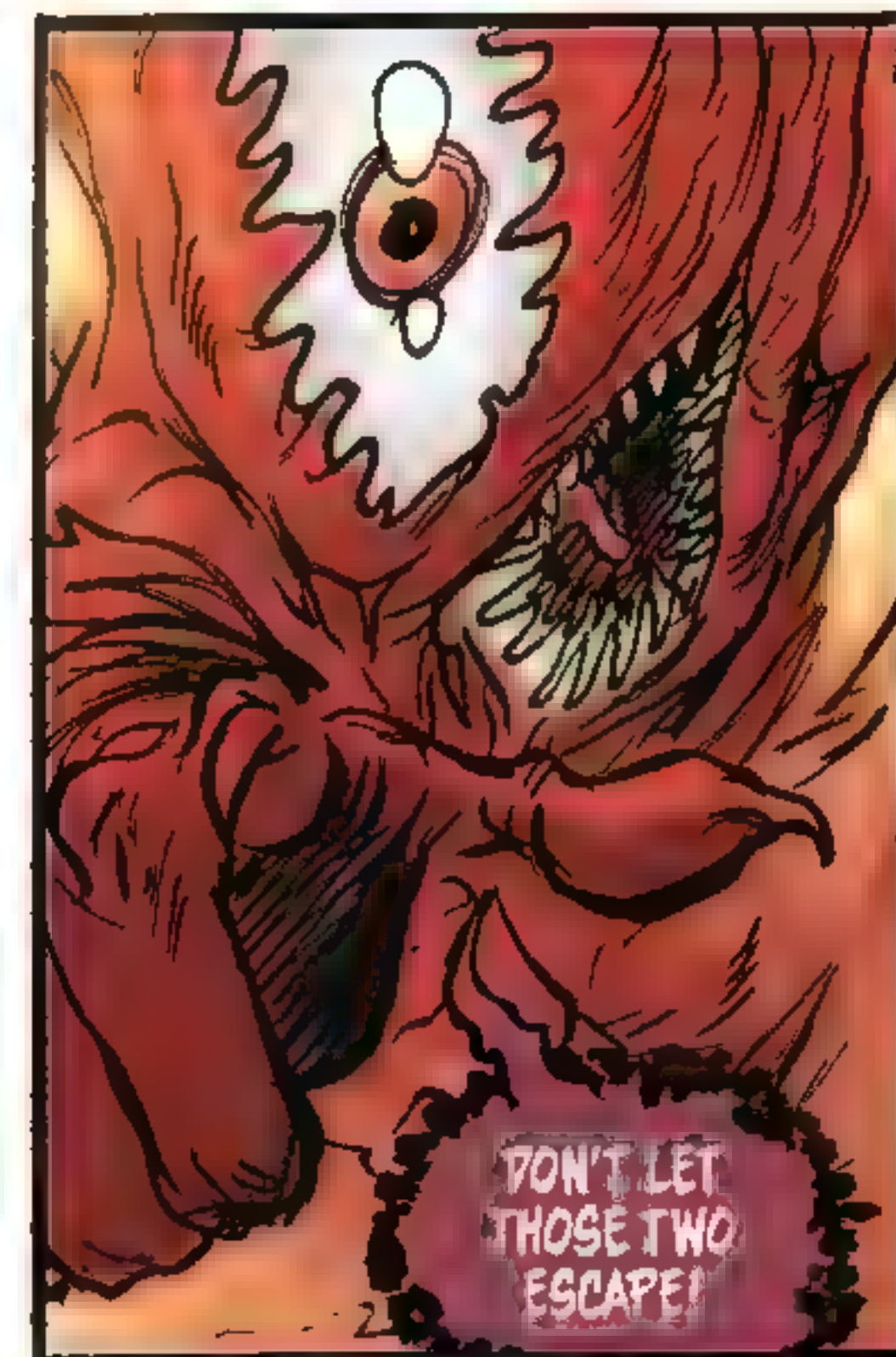
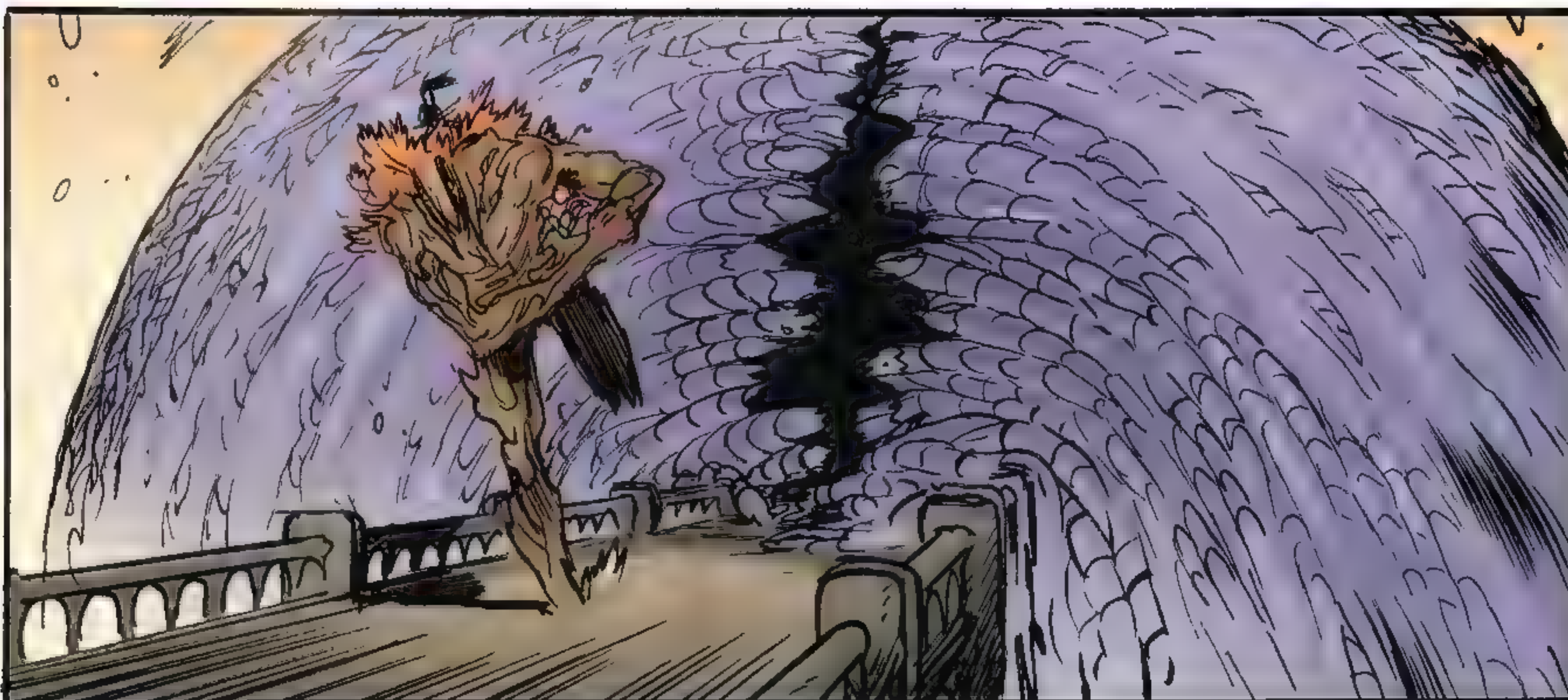
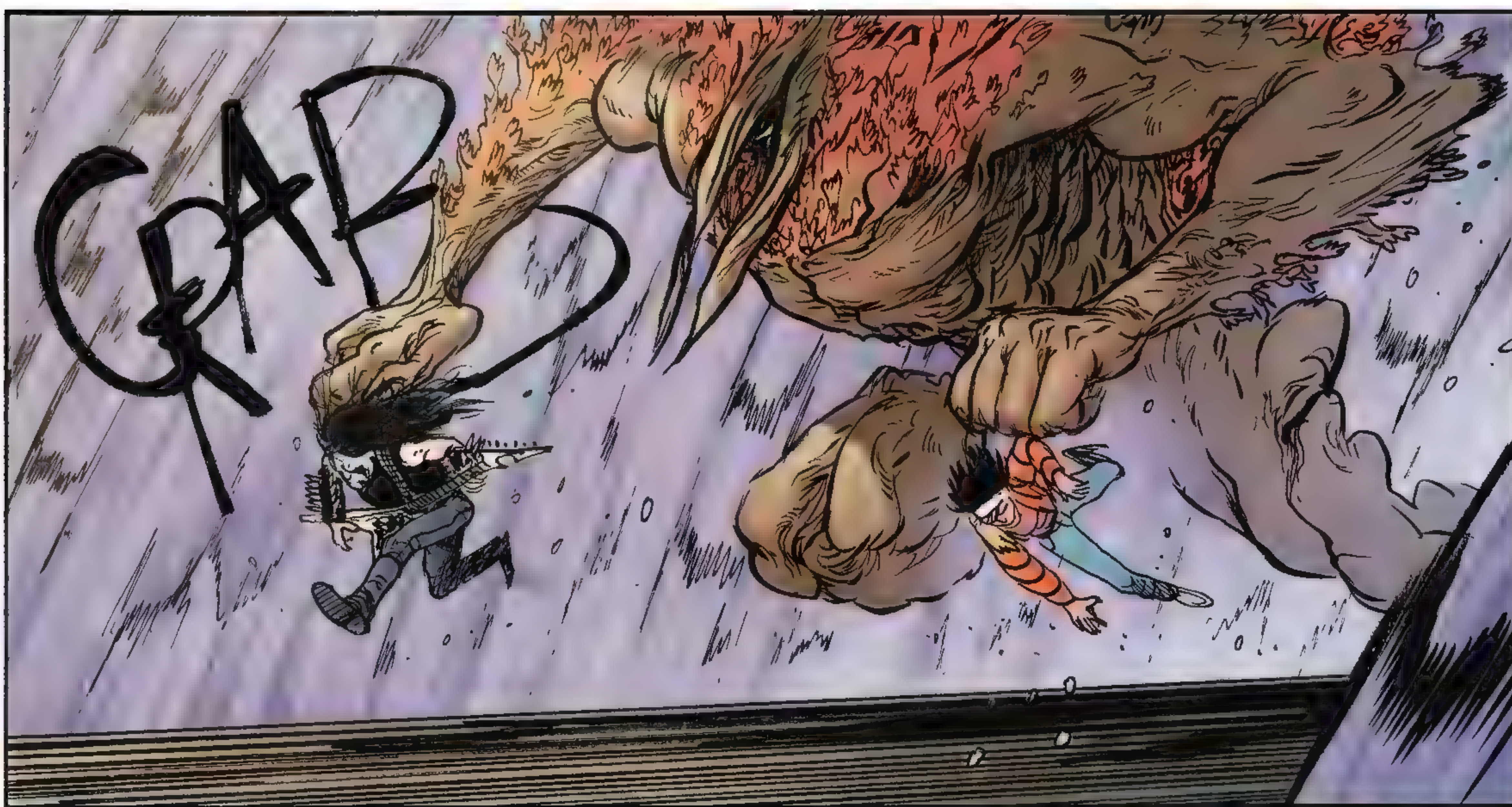
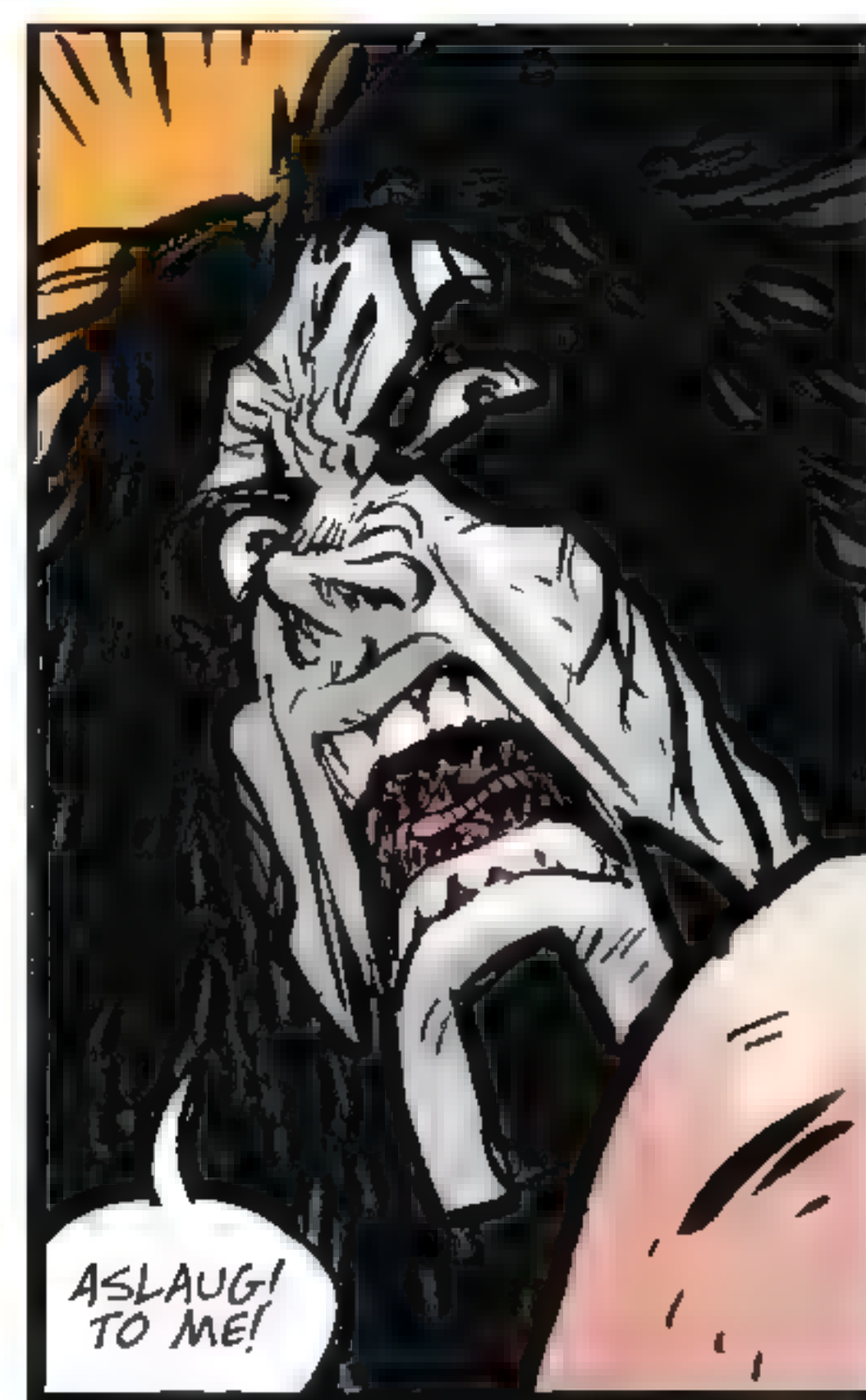
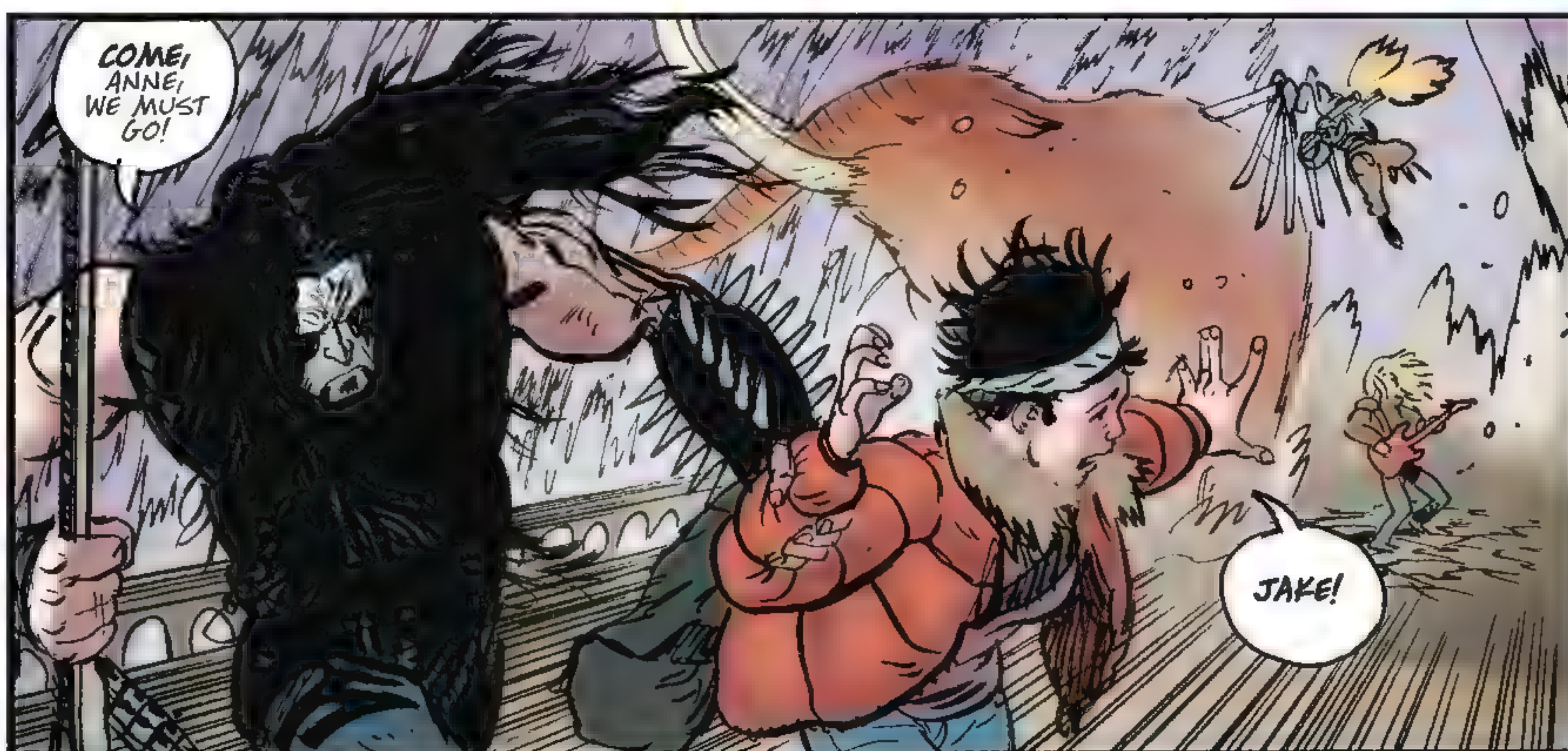
NO MATTER!
STEEL
YOURSELVES,
BANDMATES!

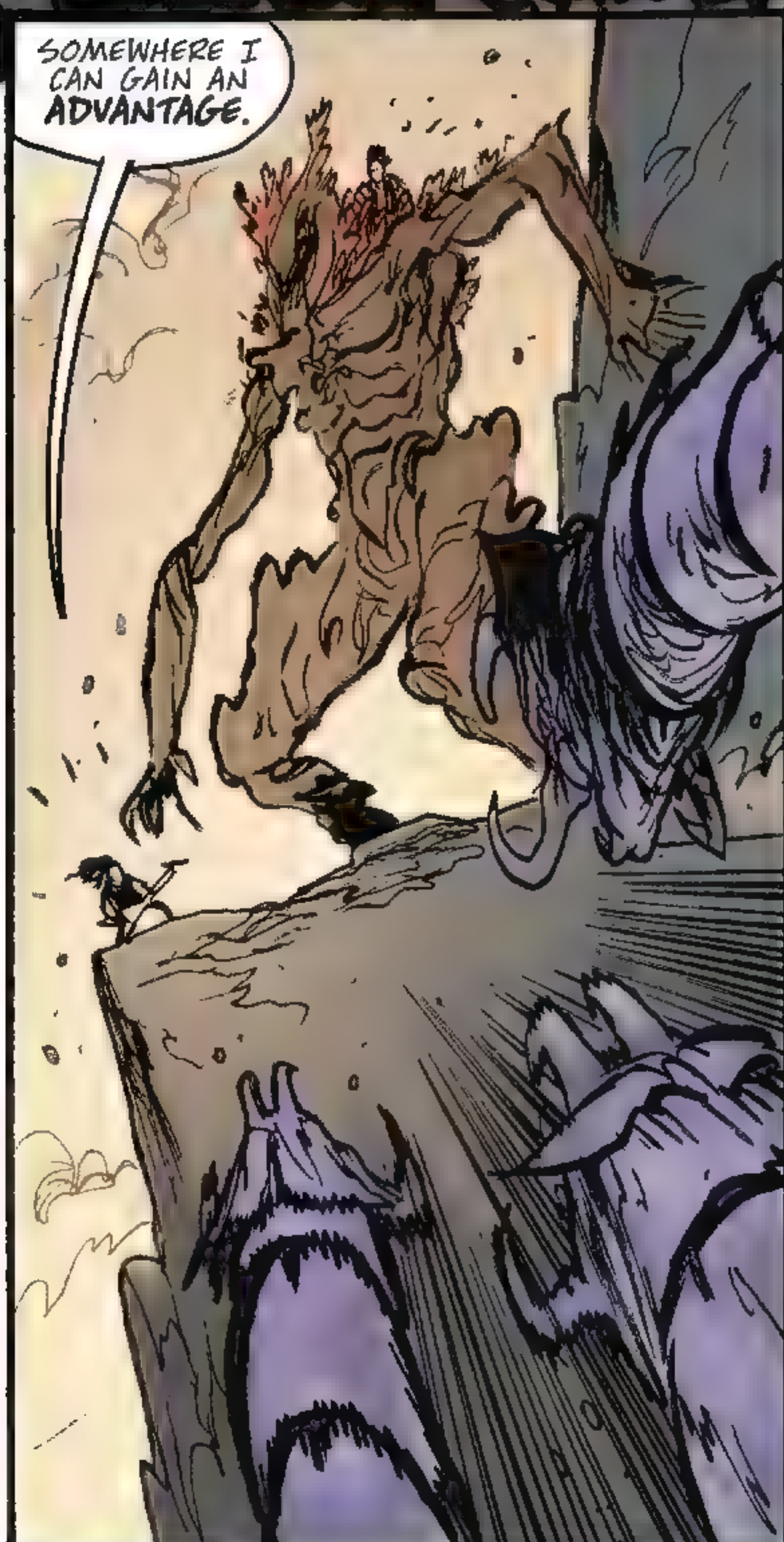
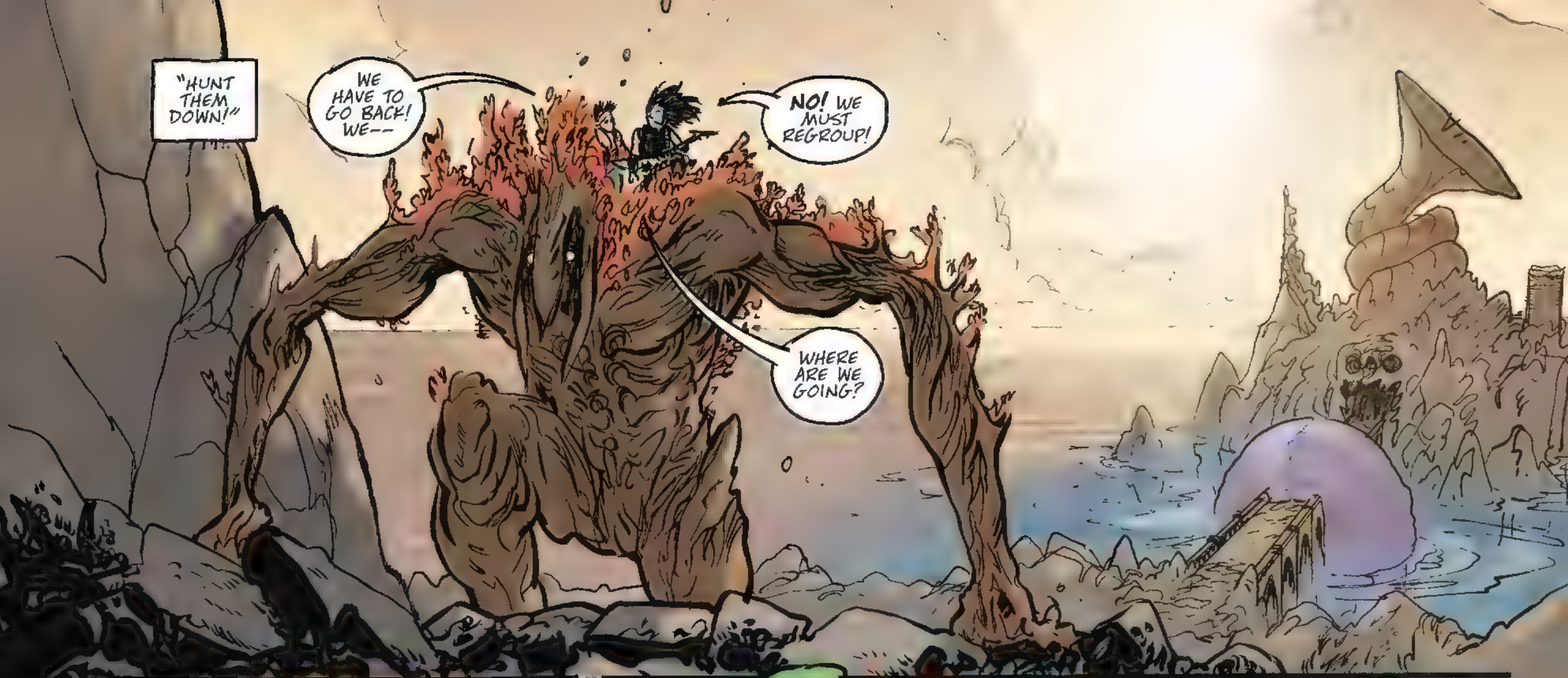


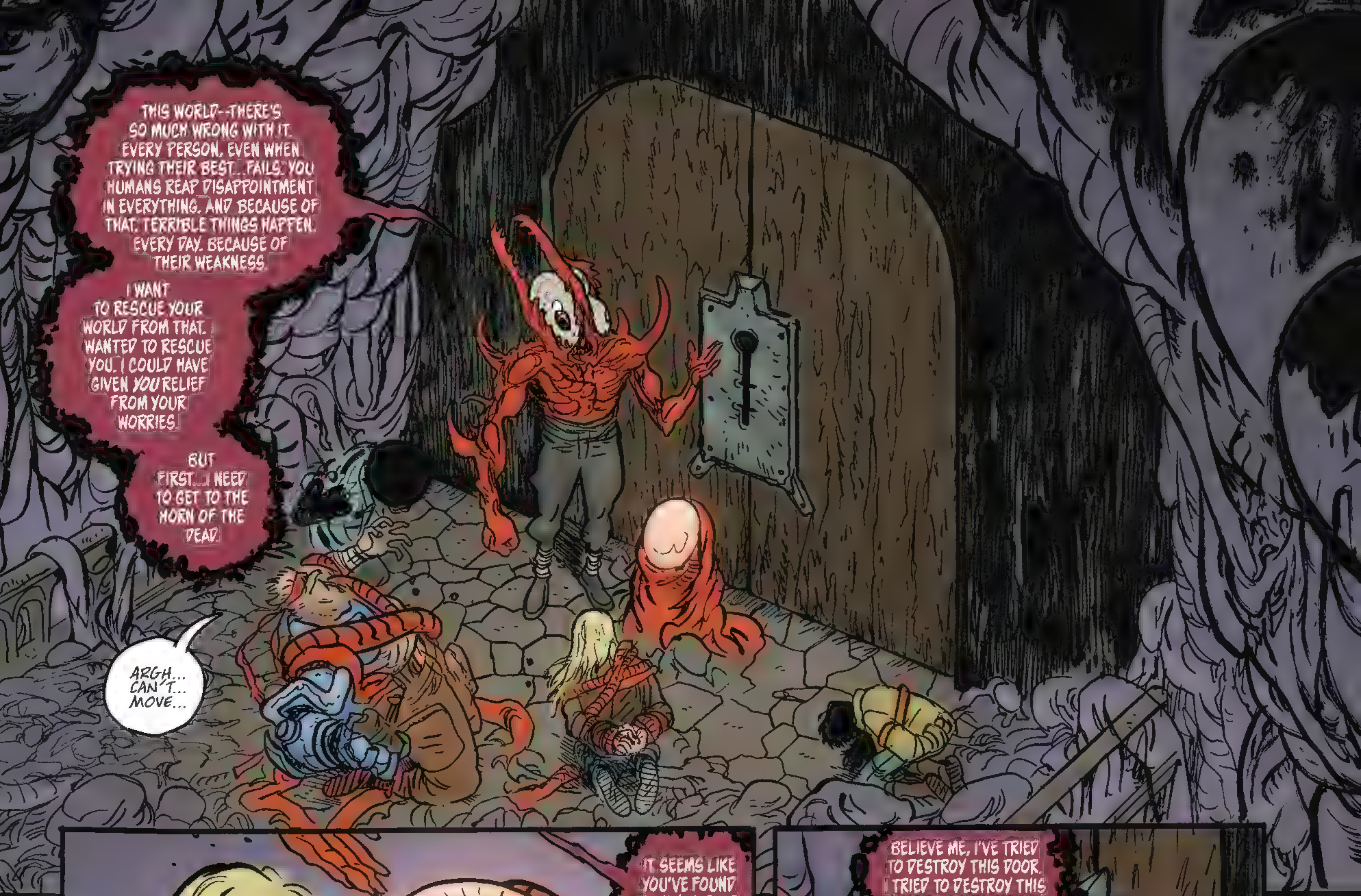
OH, I'VE
NEVER
BEEN
MORE
READY.

SHRED
IT!









THIS WORLD--THERE'S SO MUCH WRONG WITH IT. EVERY PERSON, EVEN WHEN TRYING THEIR BEST... FAILS. YOU HUMANS REAP DISAPPOINTMENT IN EVERYTHING. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, TERRIBLE THINGS HAPPEN EVERY DAY. BECAUSE OF THEIR WEAKNESS.

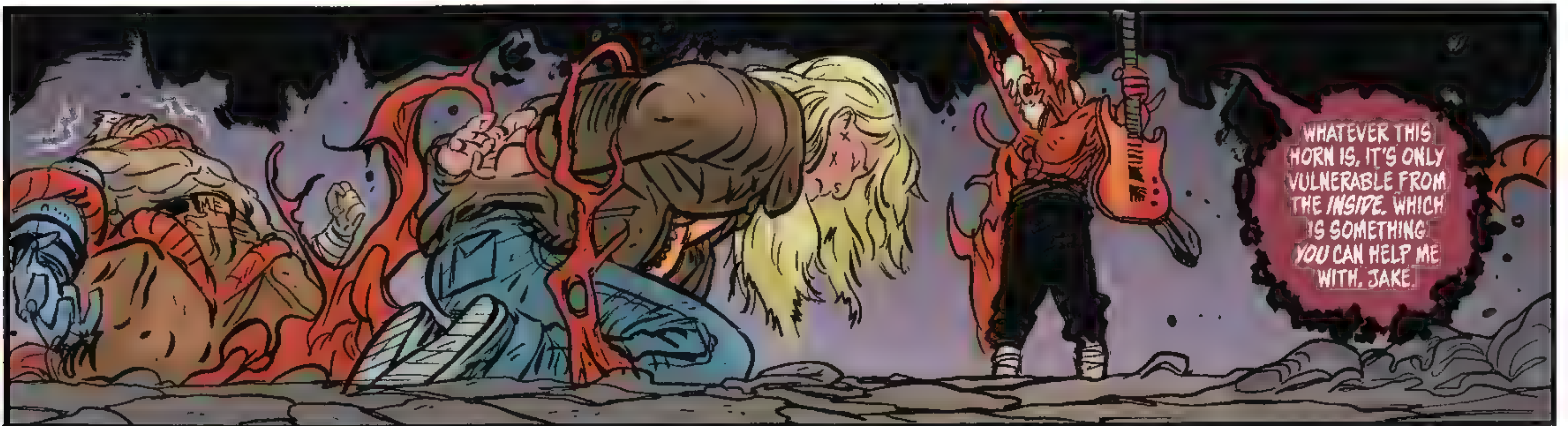
I WANT TO RESCUE YOUR WORLD FROM THAT. I WANTED TO RESCUE YOU. I COULD HAVE GIVEN YOU RELIEF FROM YOUR WORRIES.

BUT FIRST... I NEED TO GET TO THE HORN OF THE DEAD.

ARGH... CAN'T MOVE...

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE FOUND A WAY TO STOP MY CONQUEST OF YOUR WORLD.

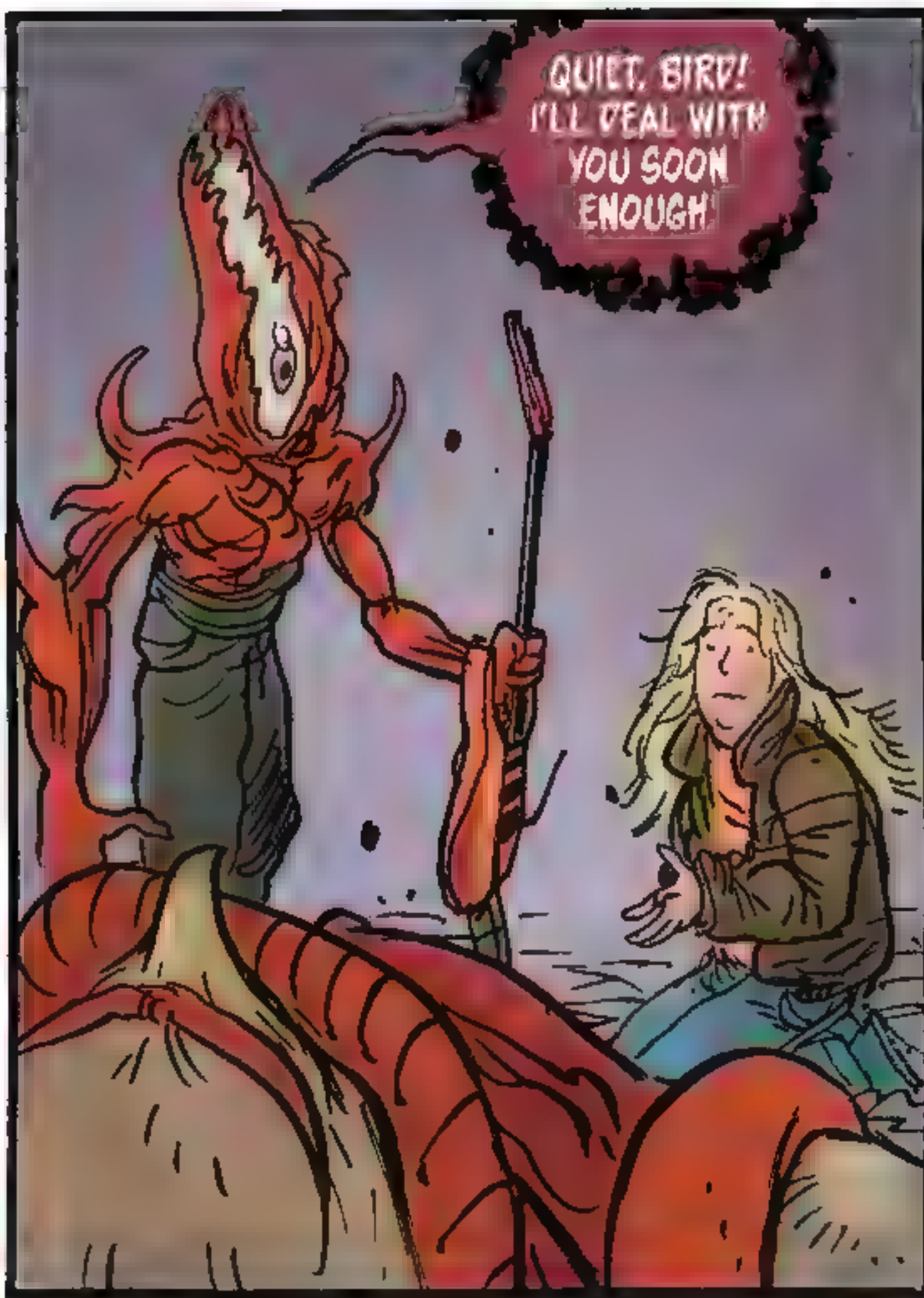
BELIEVE ME, I'VE TRIED TO DESTROY THIS DOOR. I TRIED TO DESTROY THIS ENTIRE PLACE, BUT IT SEEMS IMPERVIOUS TO MY BLASTS.



WHATEVER THIS HORN IS, IT'S ONLY VULNERABLE FROM THE INSIDE. WHICH IS SOMETHING YOU CAN HELP ME WITH, JAKE.



GET AWAY FROM HIM, YOU BEAST!



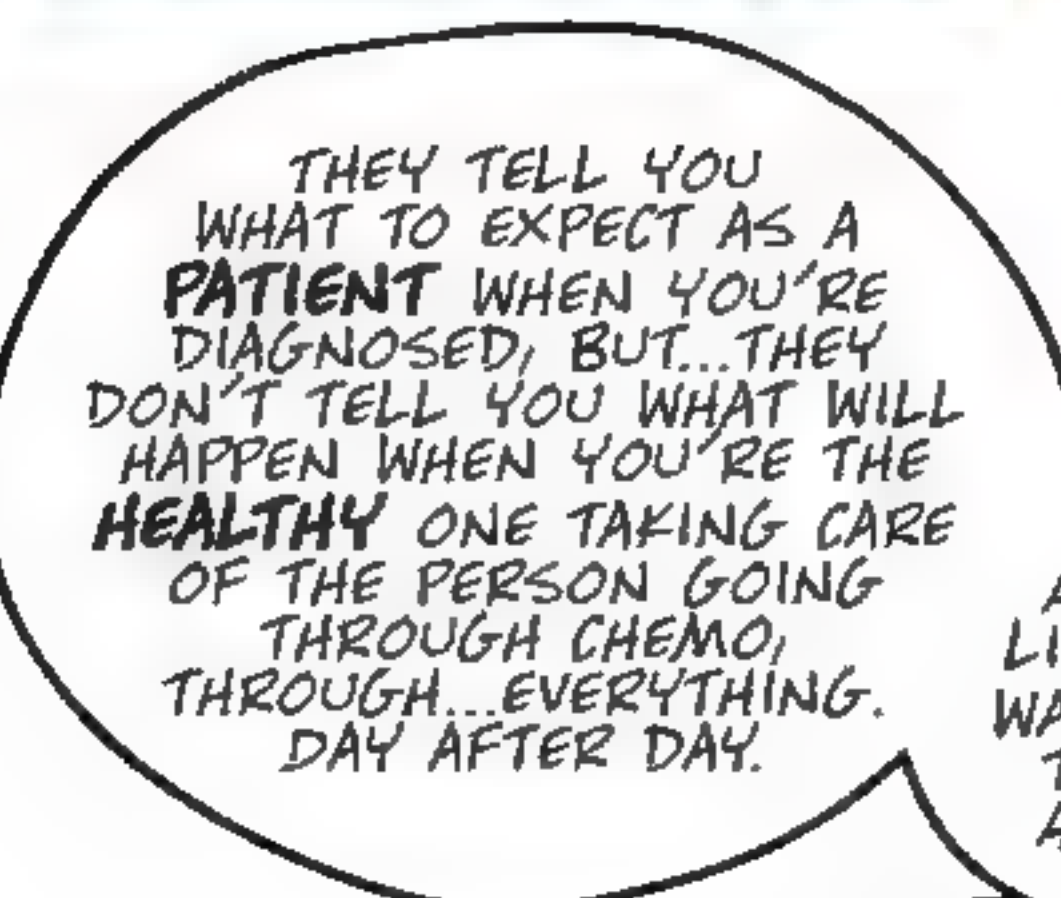
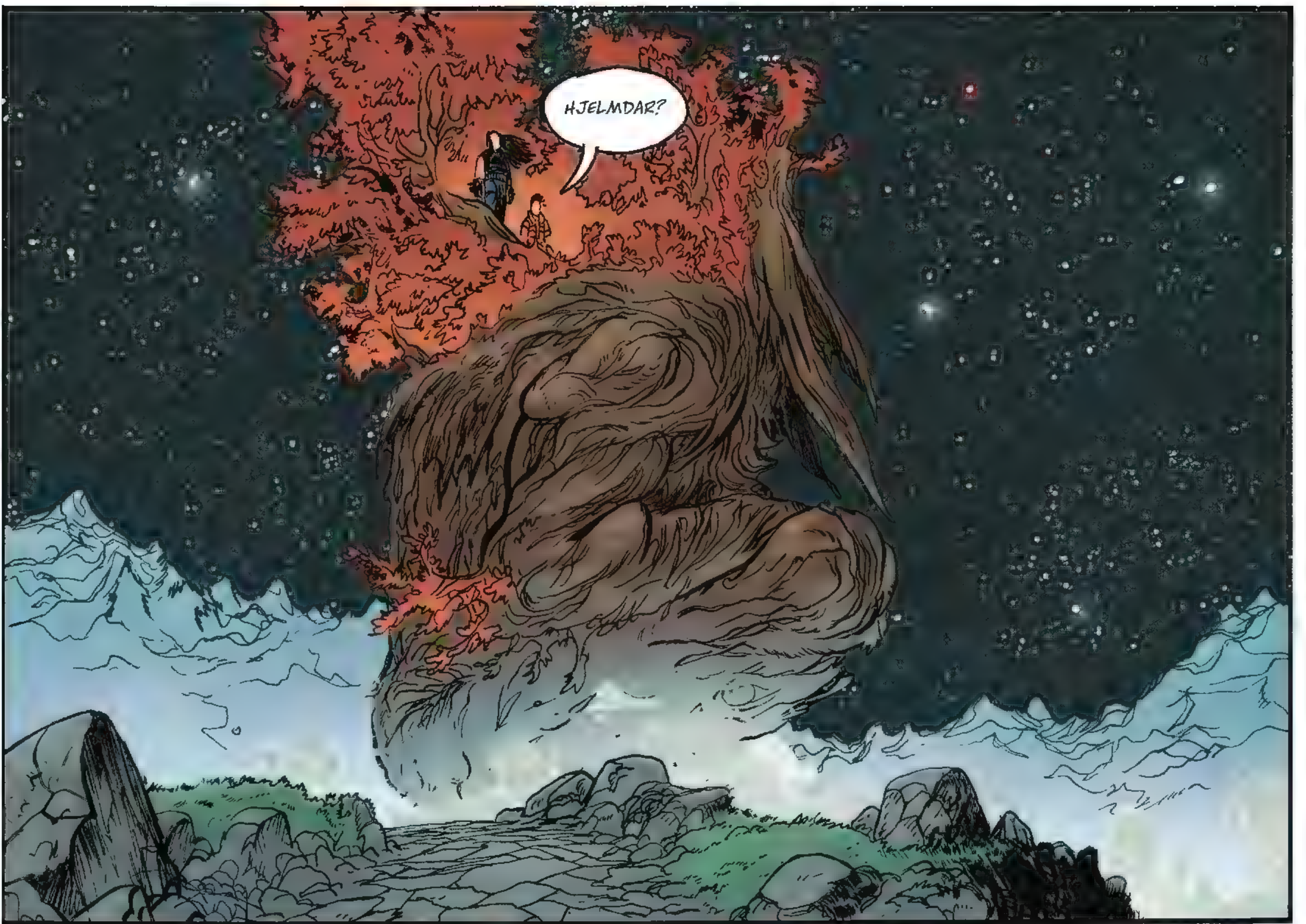
QUIET, BIRD! I'LL DEAL WITH YOU SOON ENOUGH!

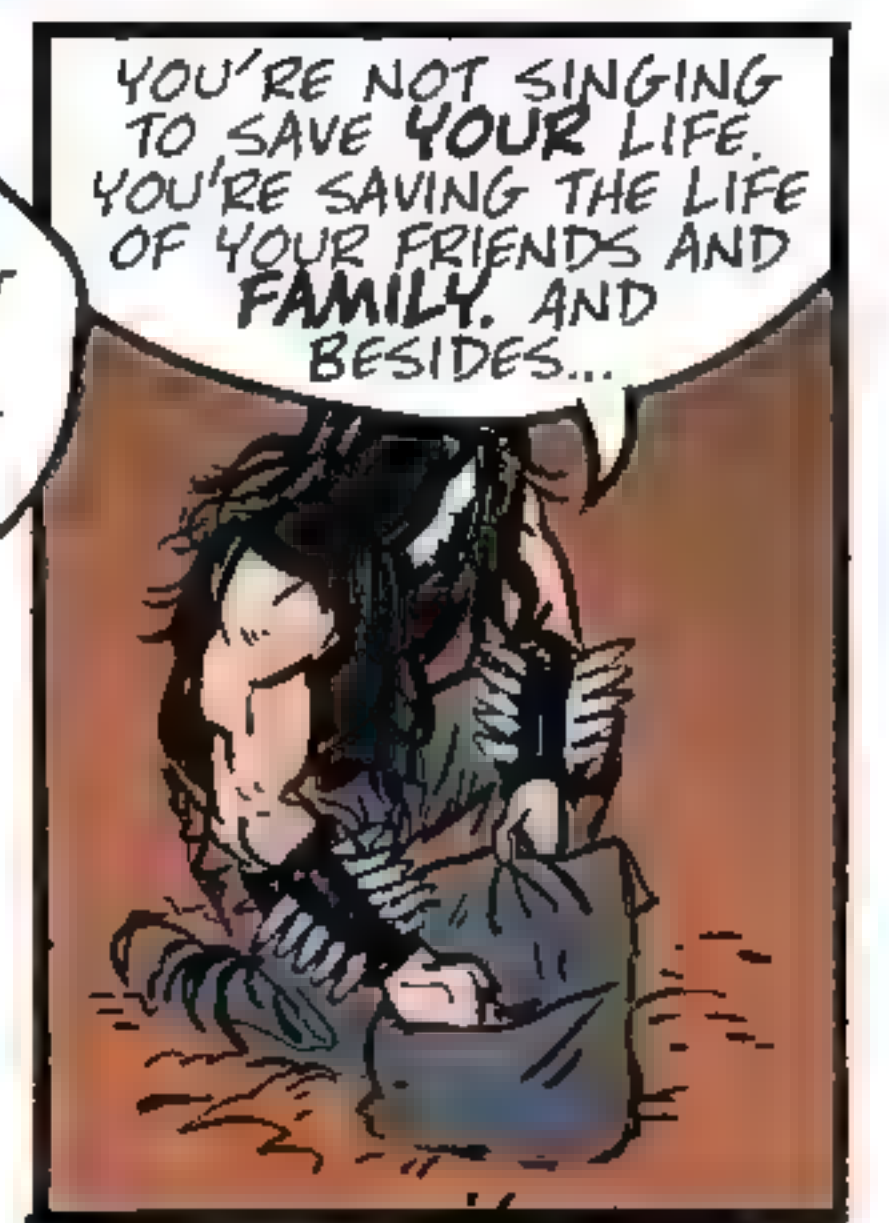
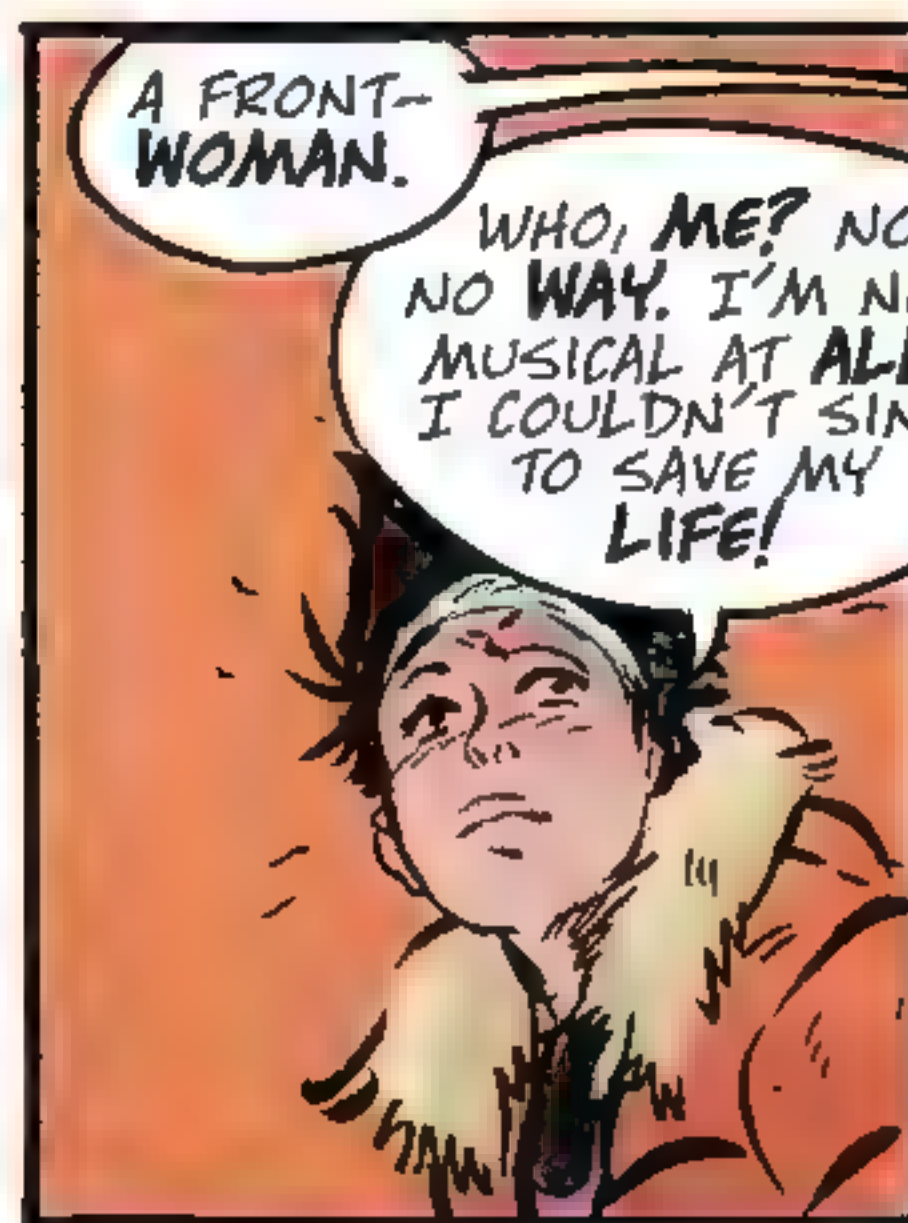
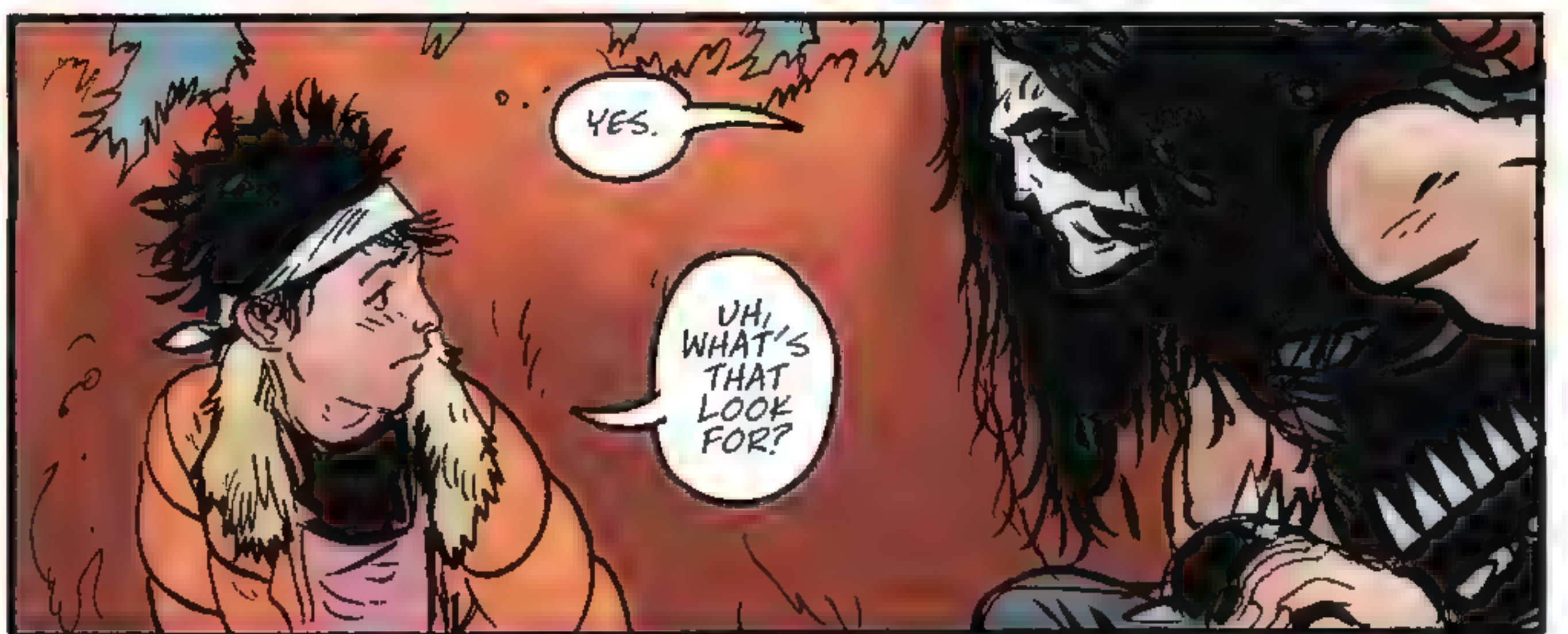
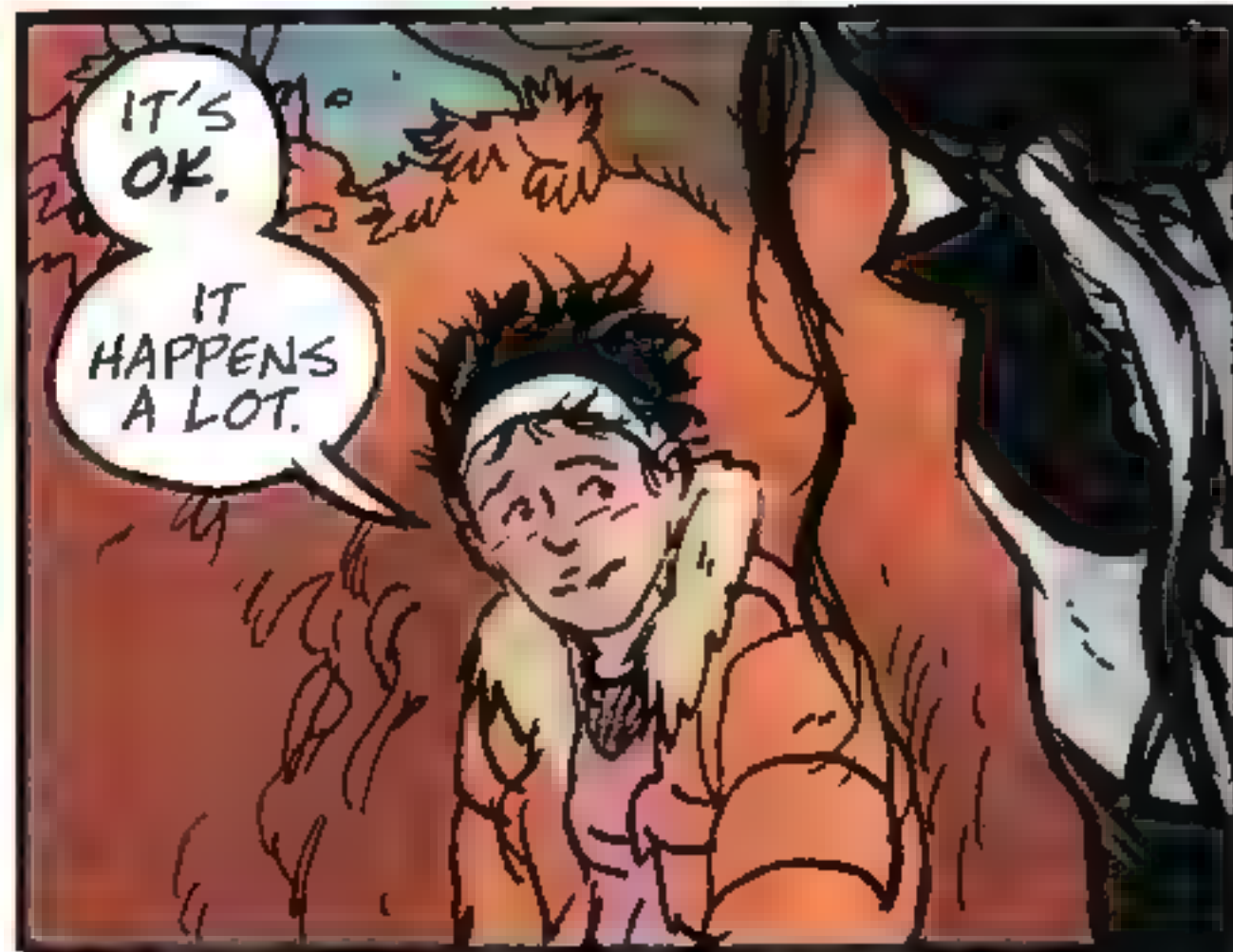
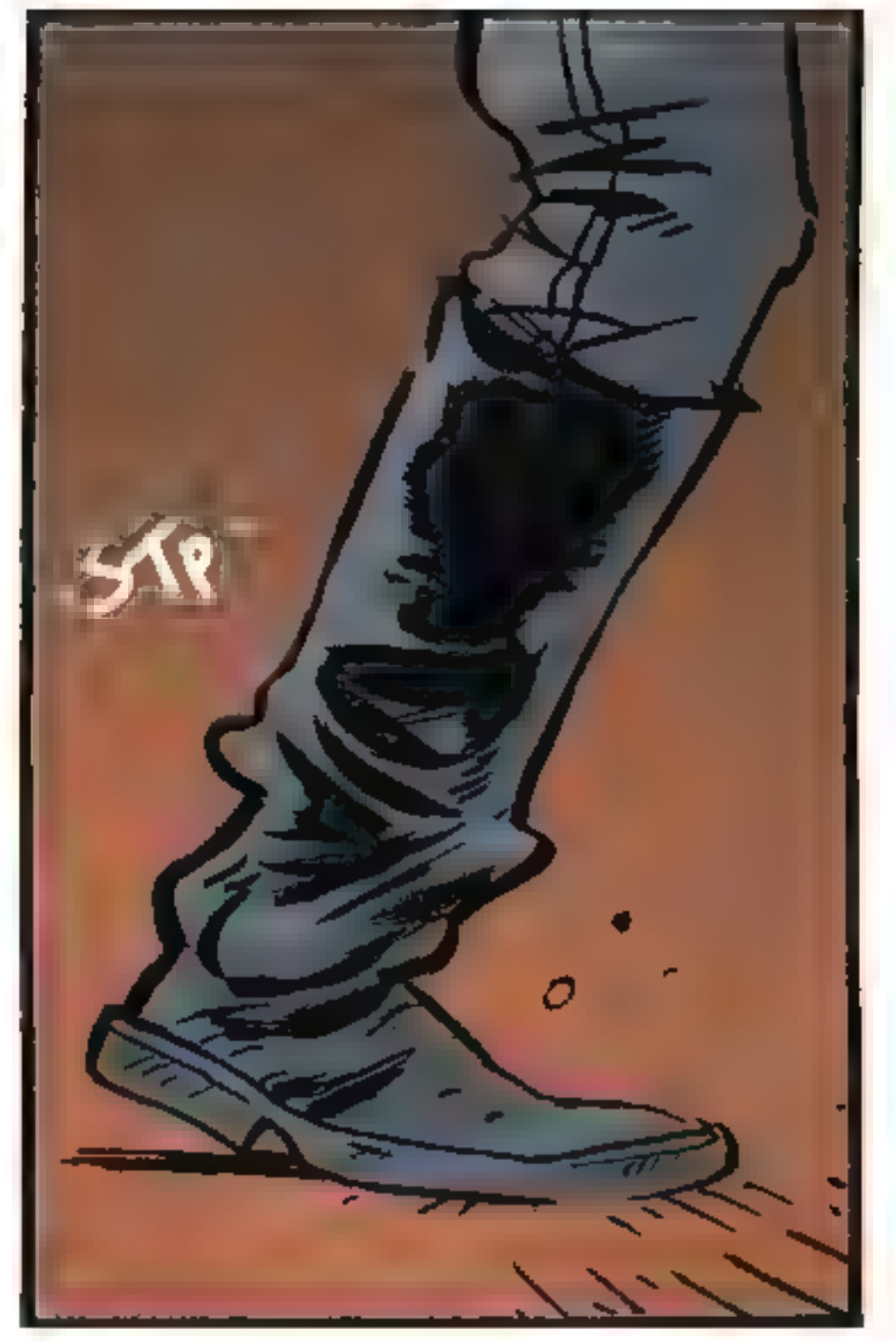
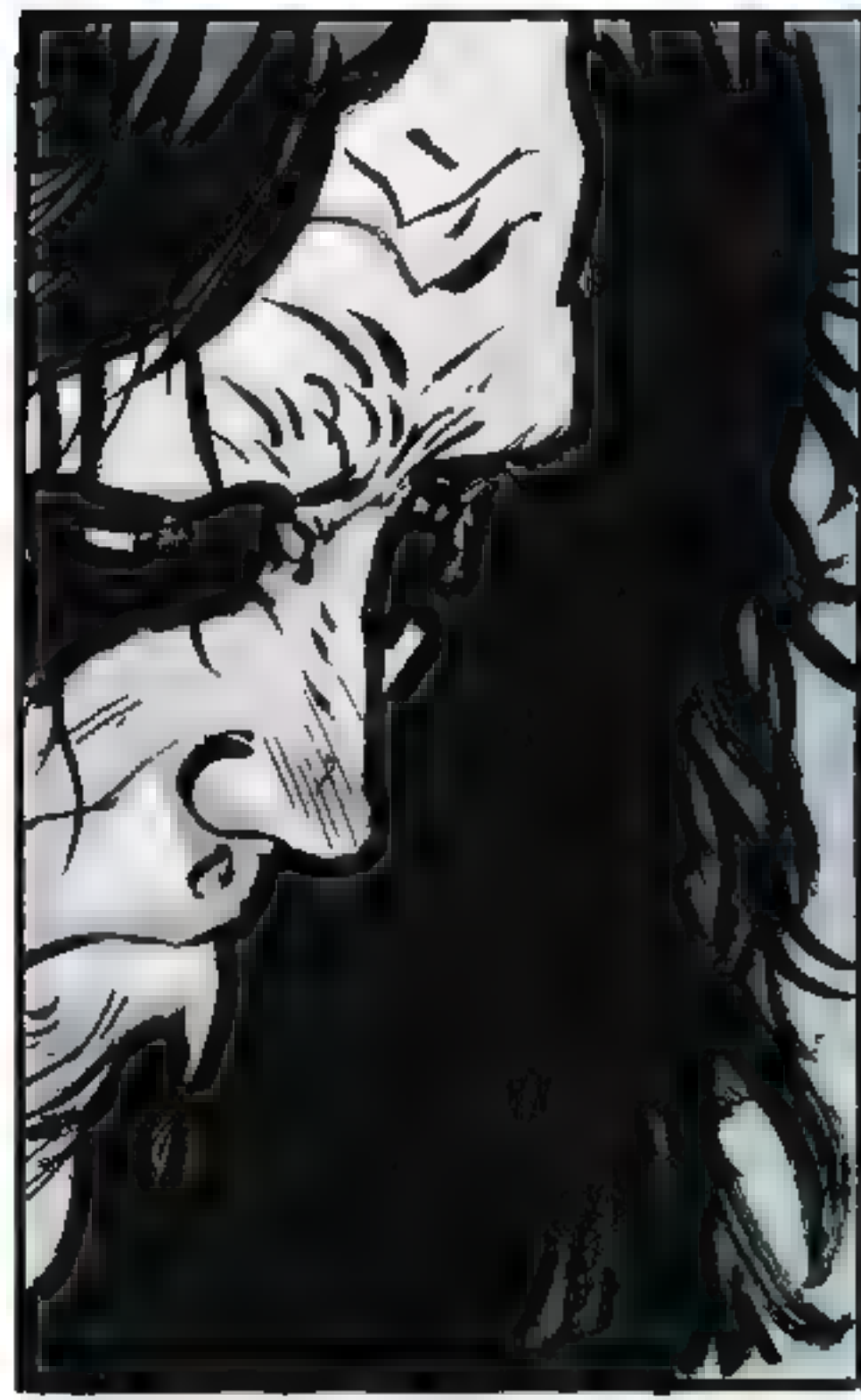


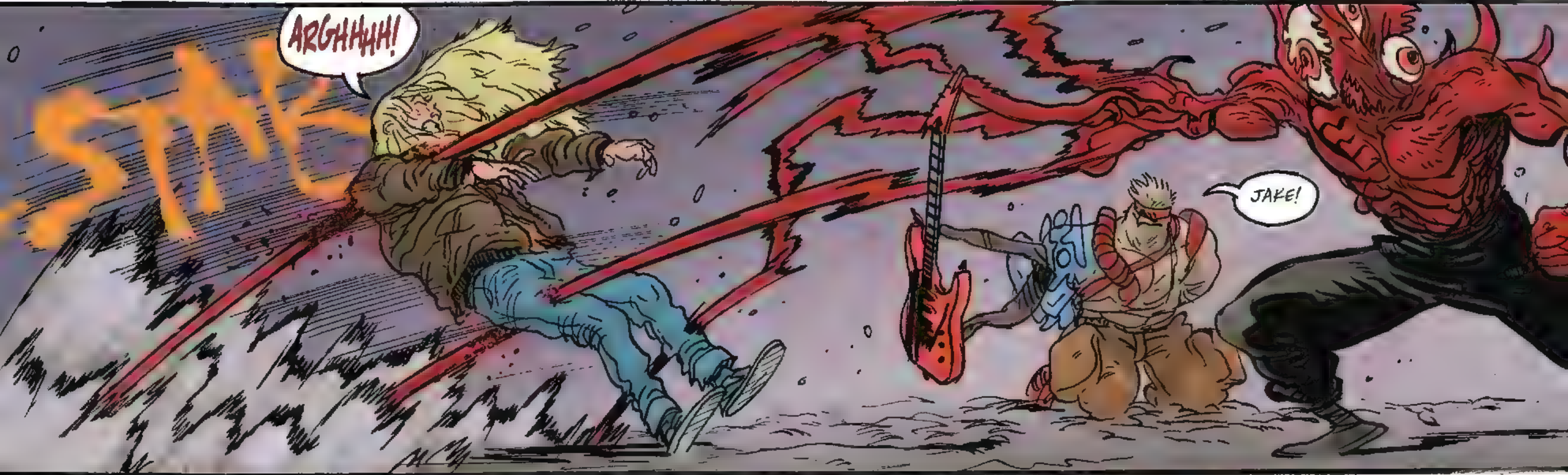
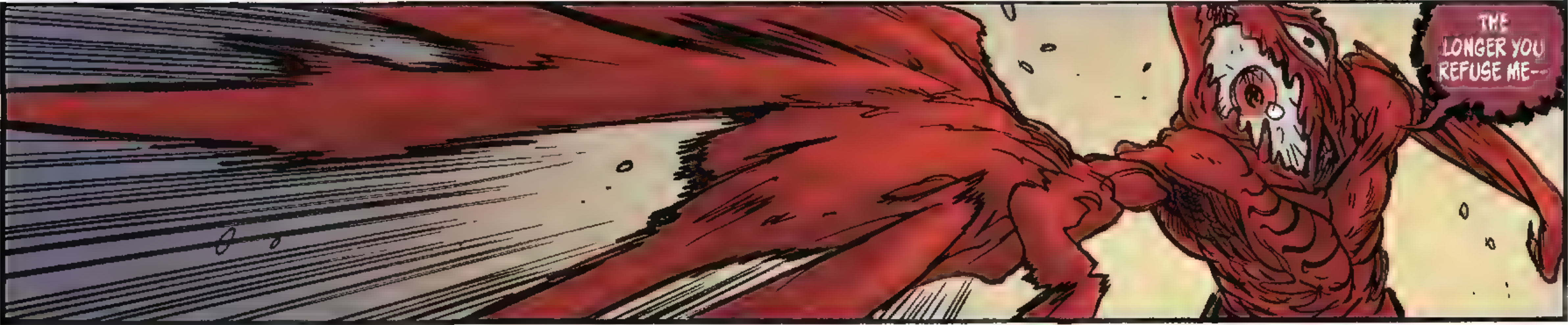
YOU KNOW HOW TO PLAY THE RIFF THAT WILL OPEN THESE DOORS.

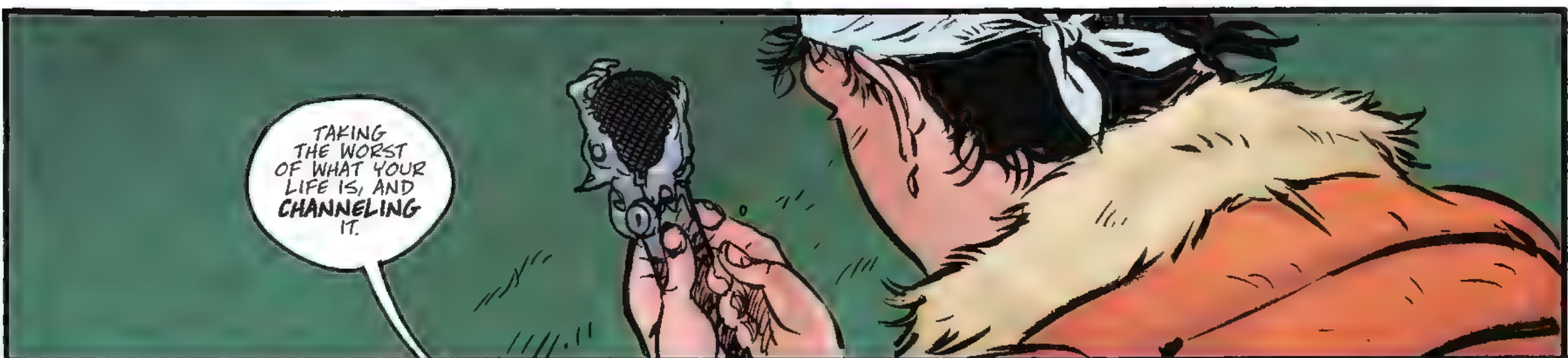
DO IT.

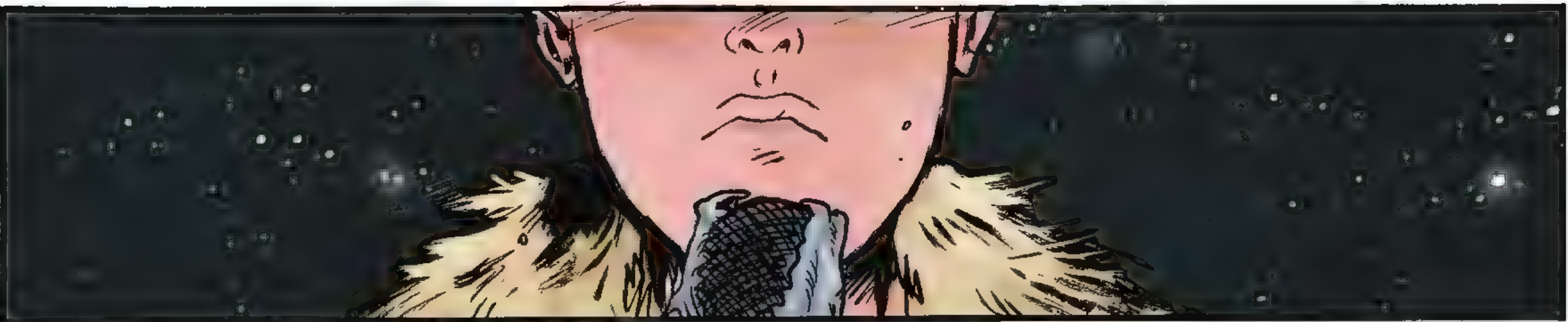
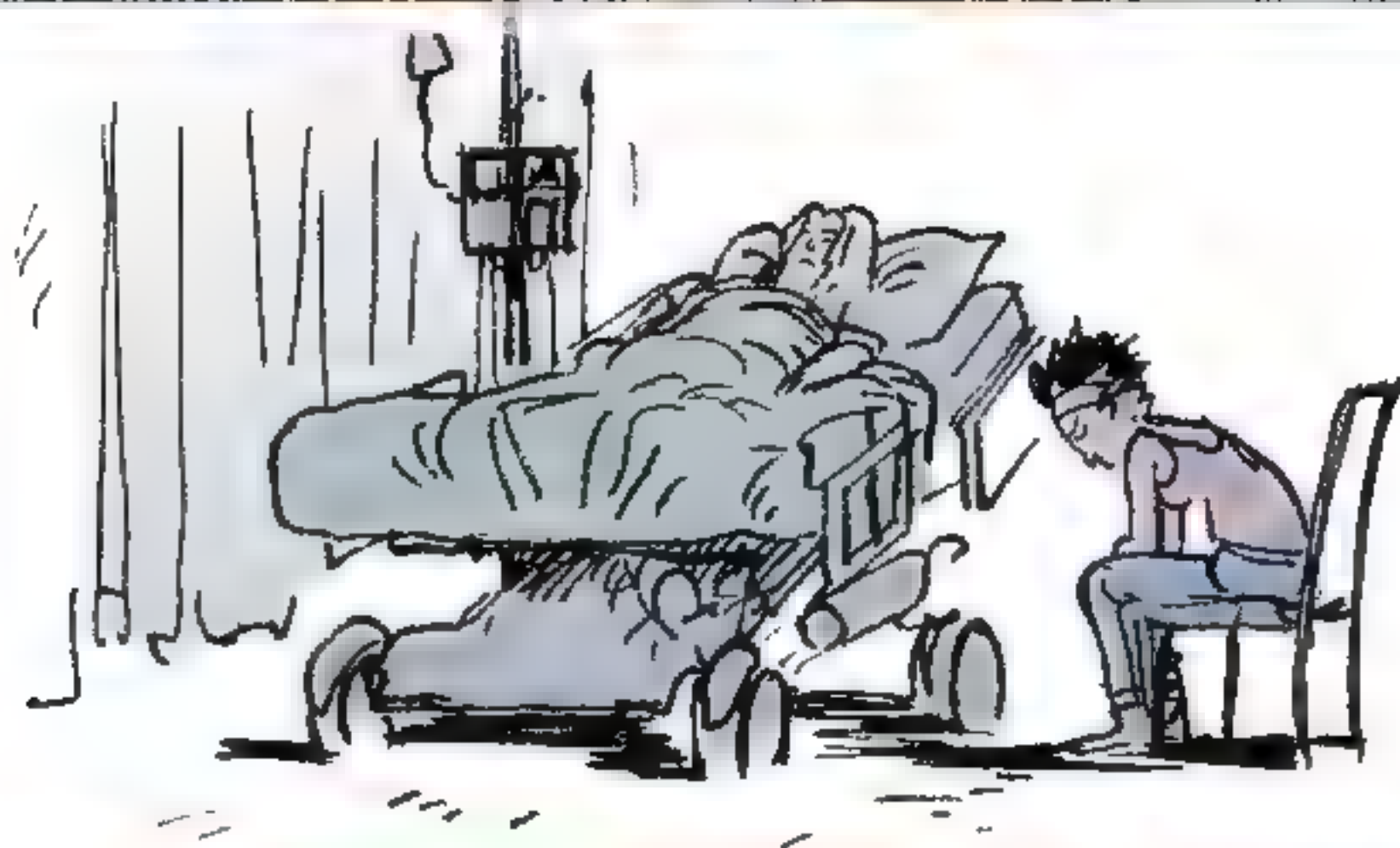
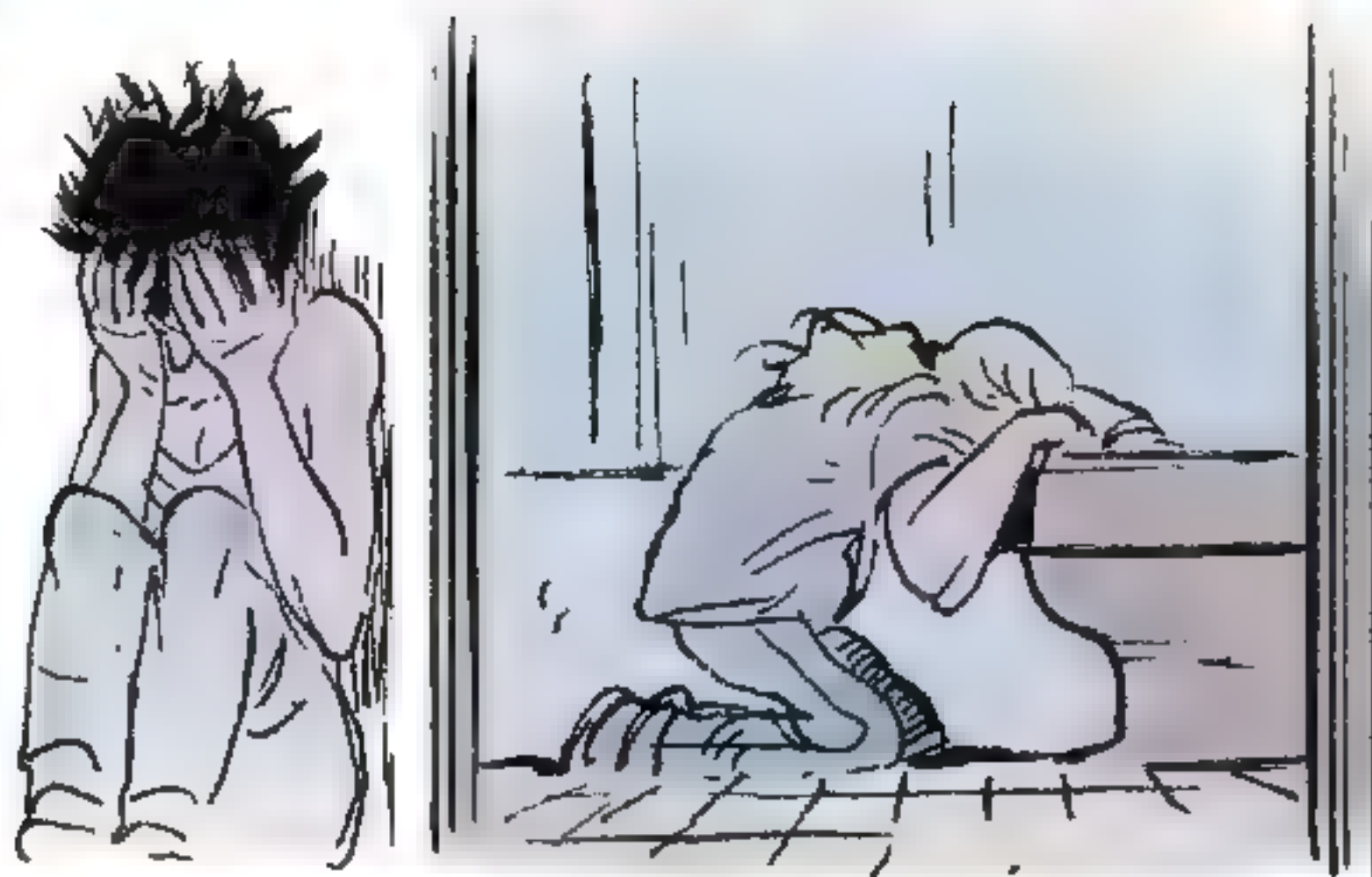
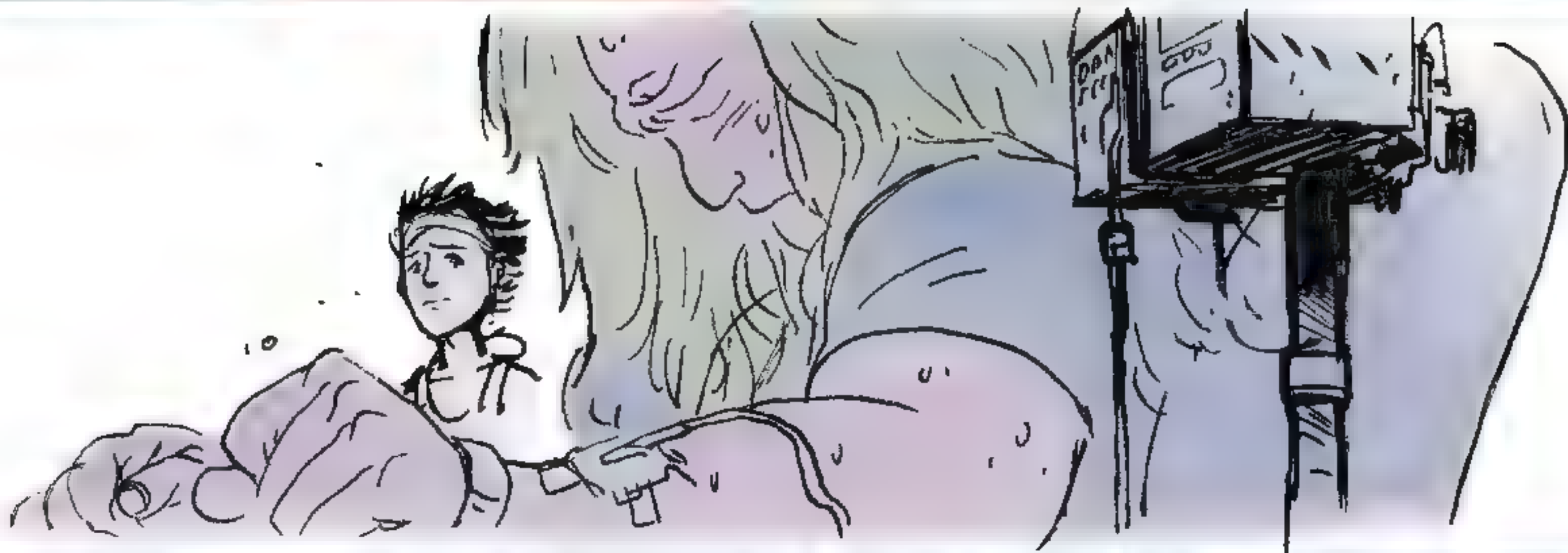
OR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD.



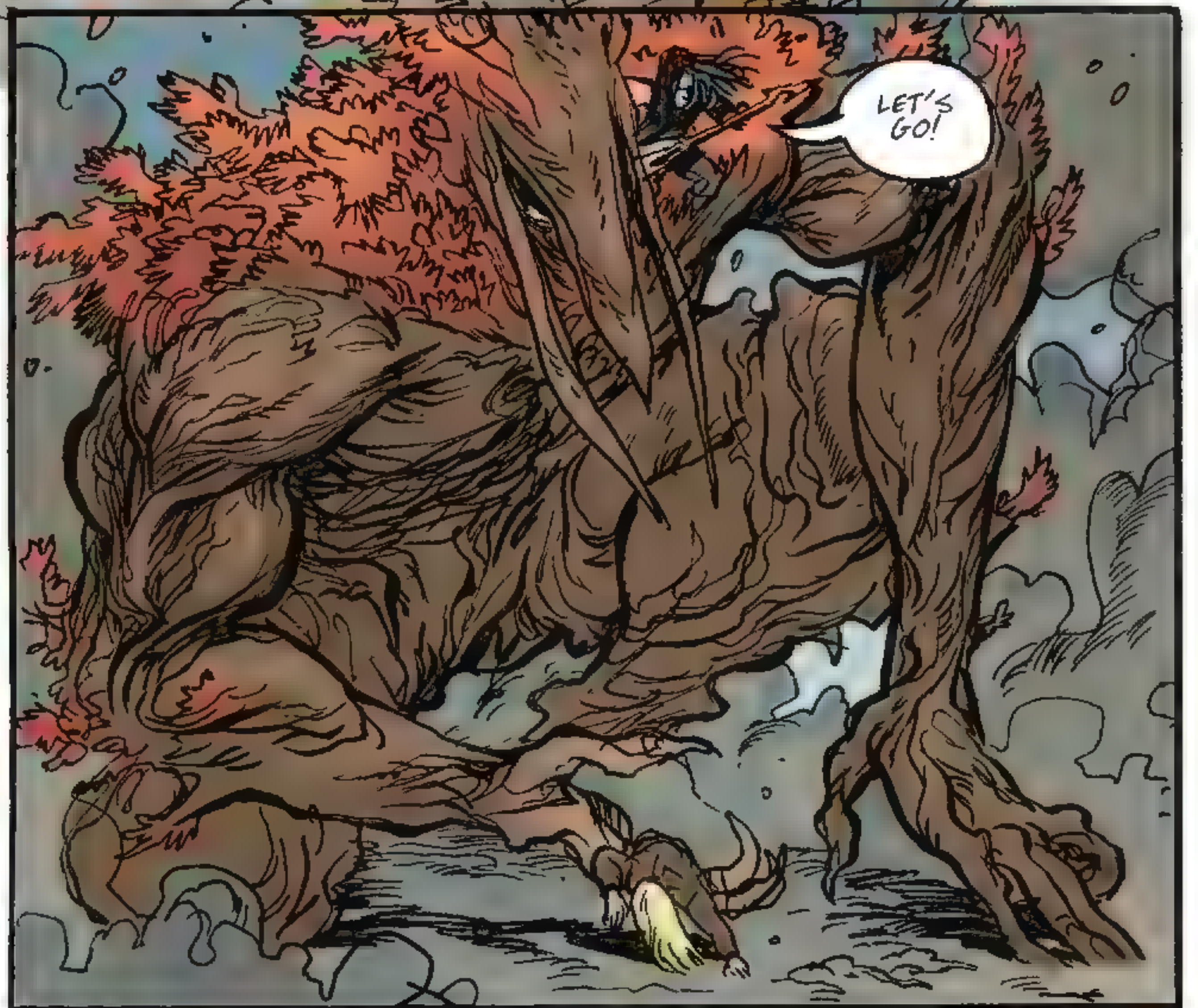
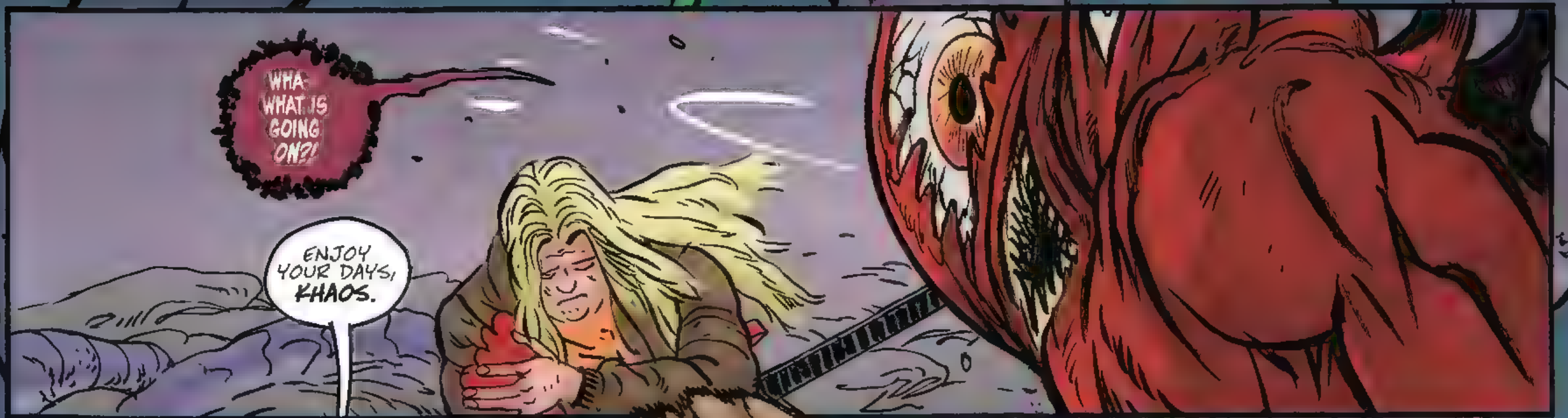


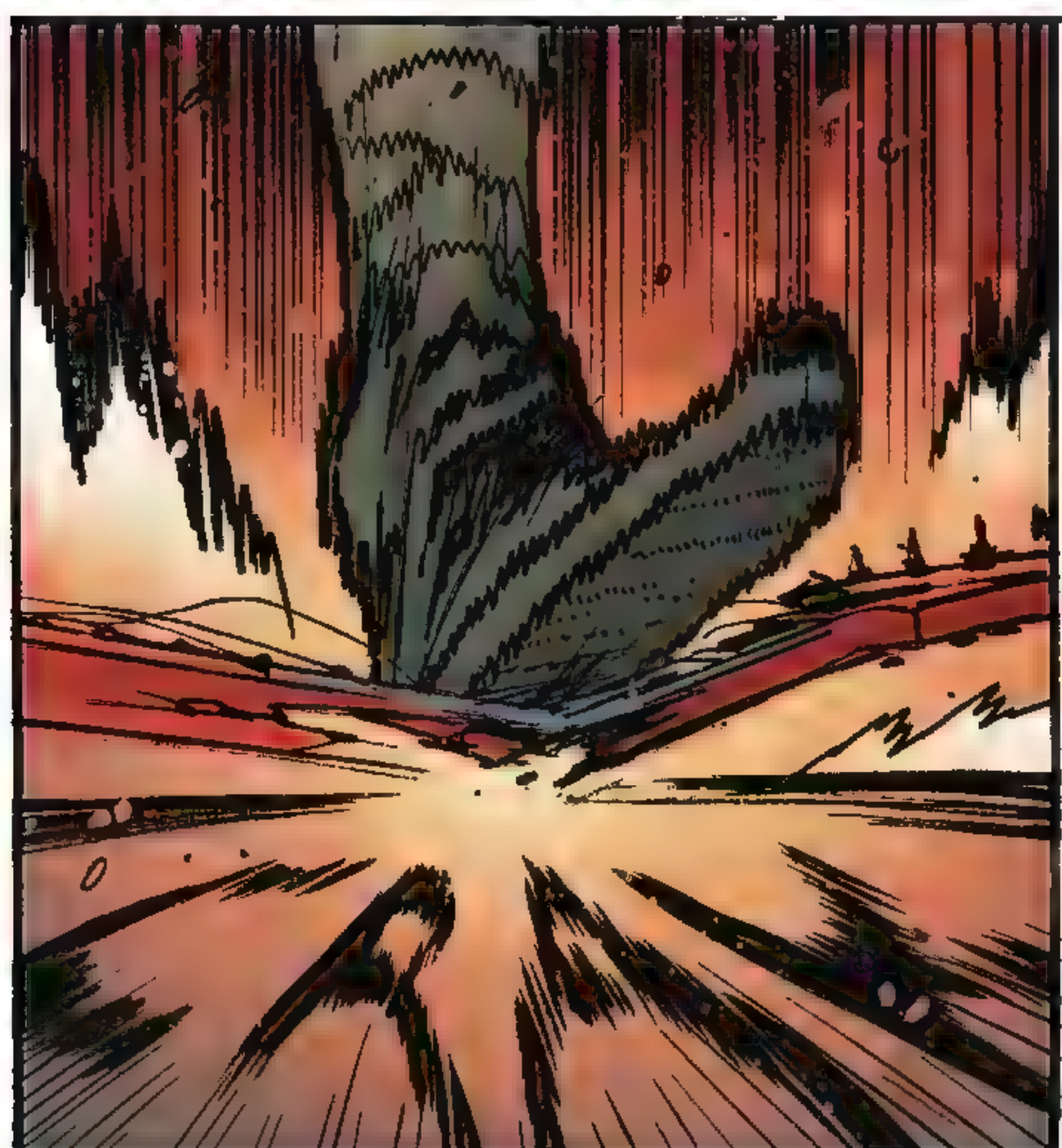
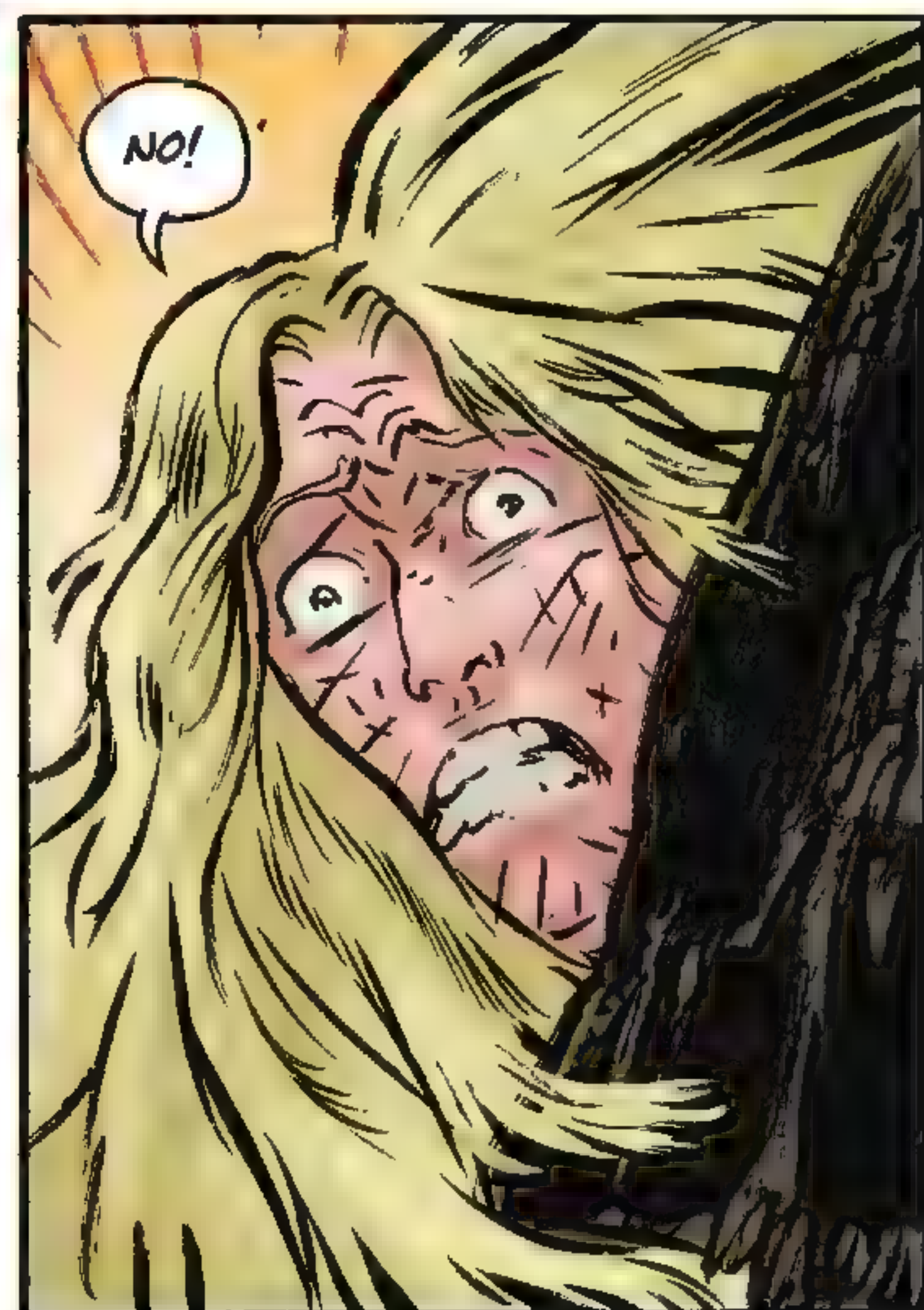
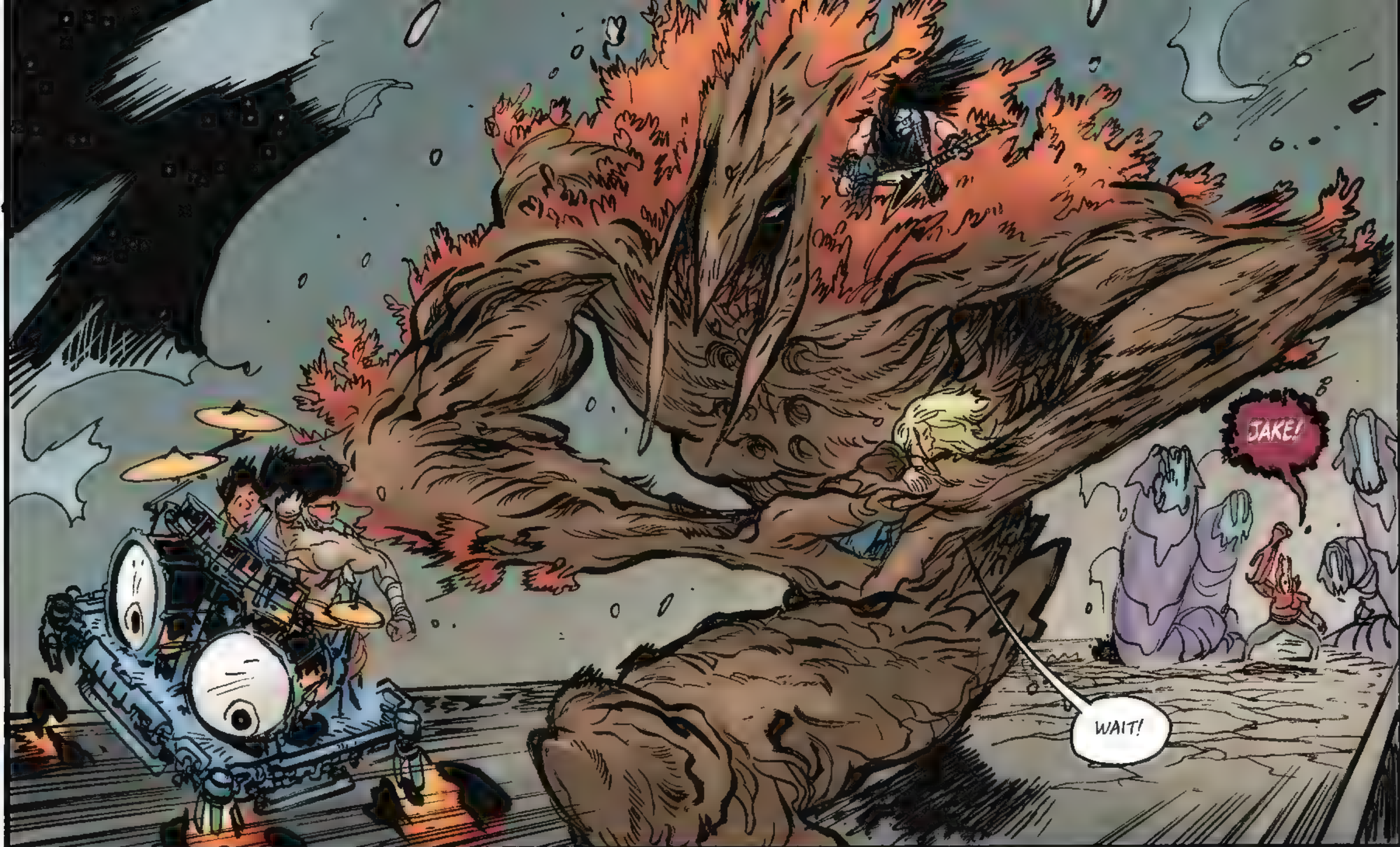


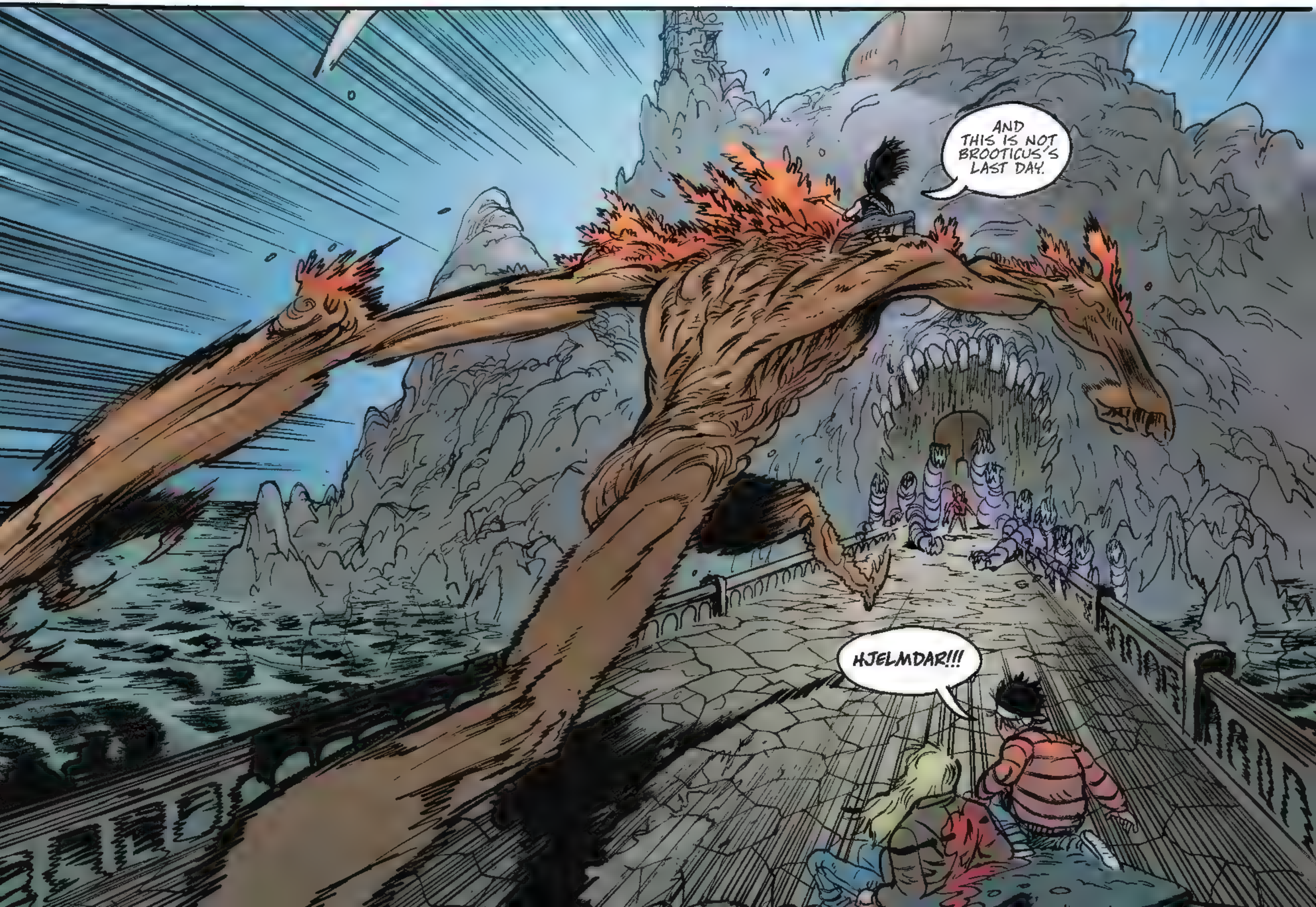
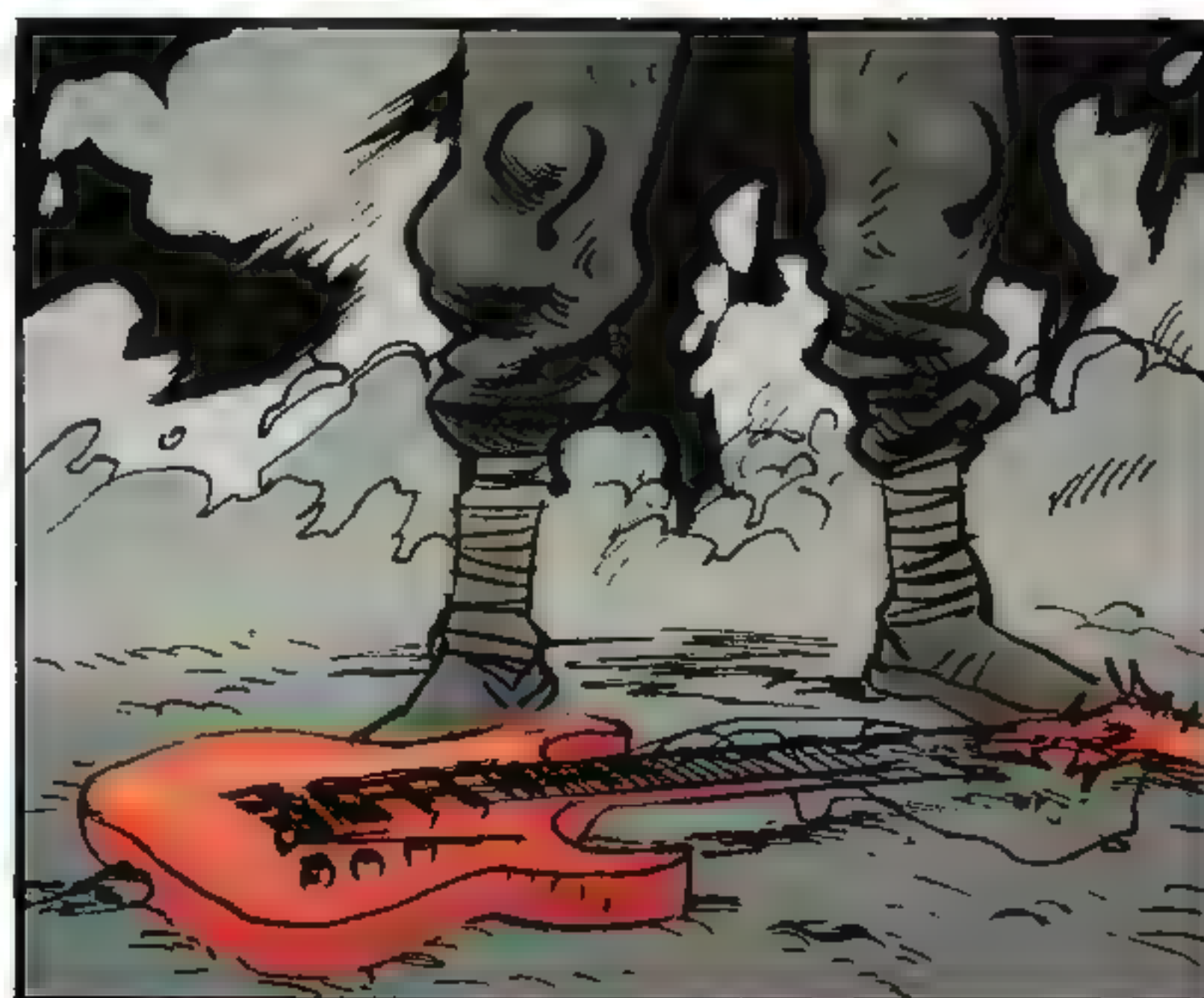
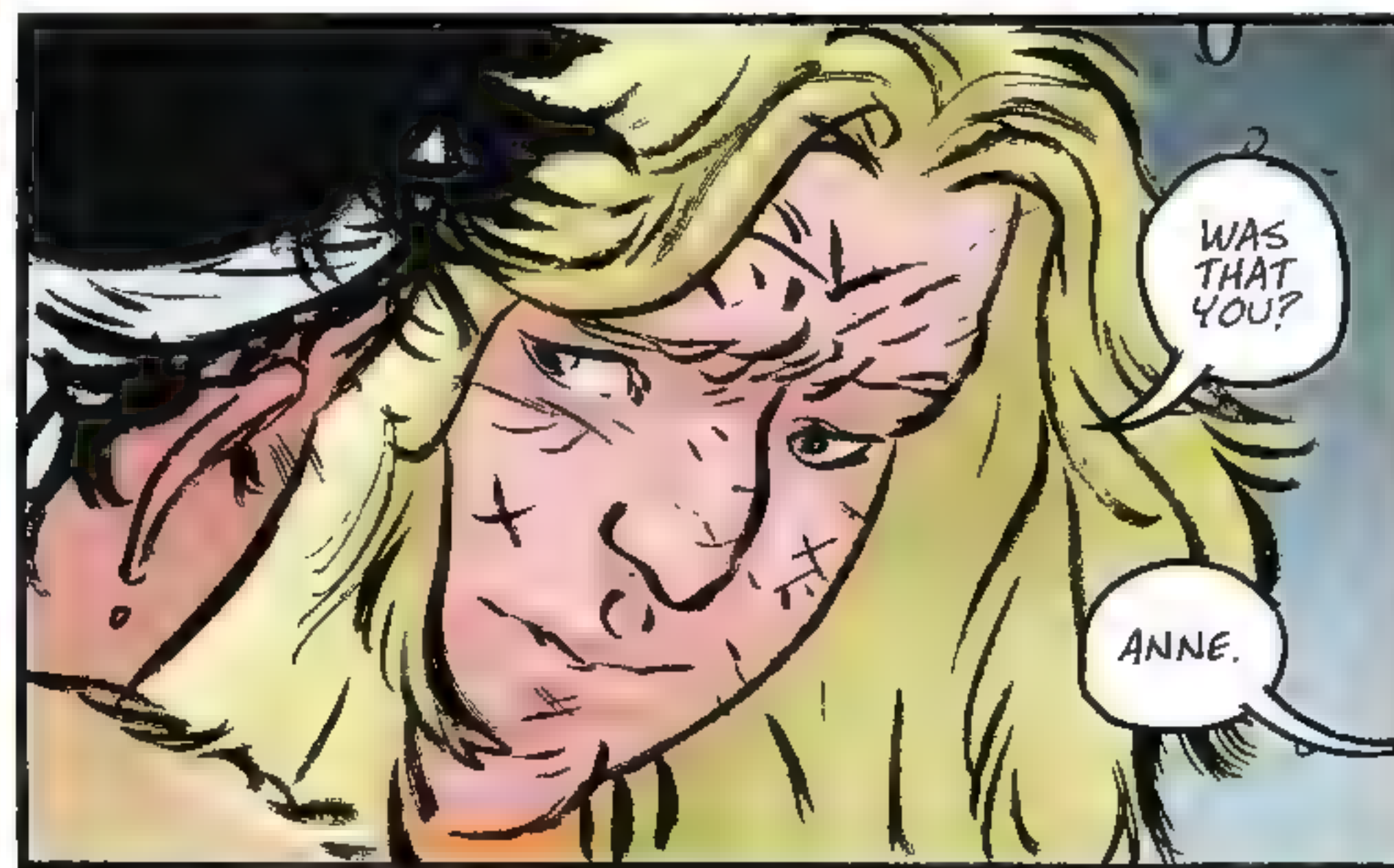


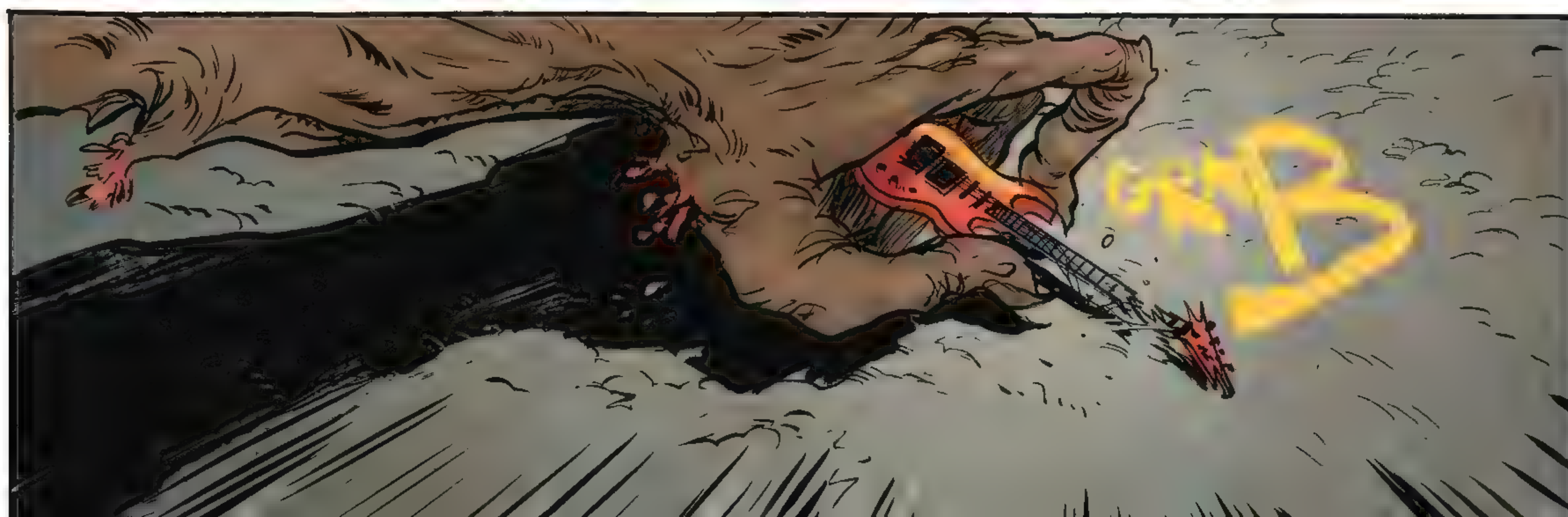
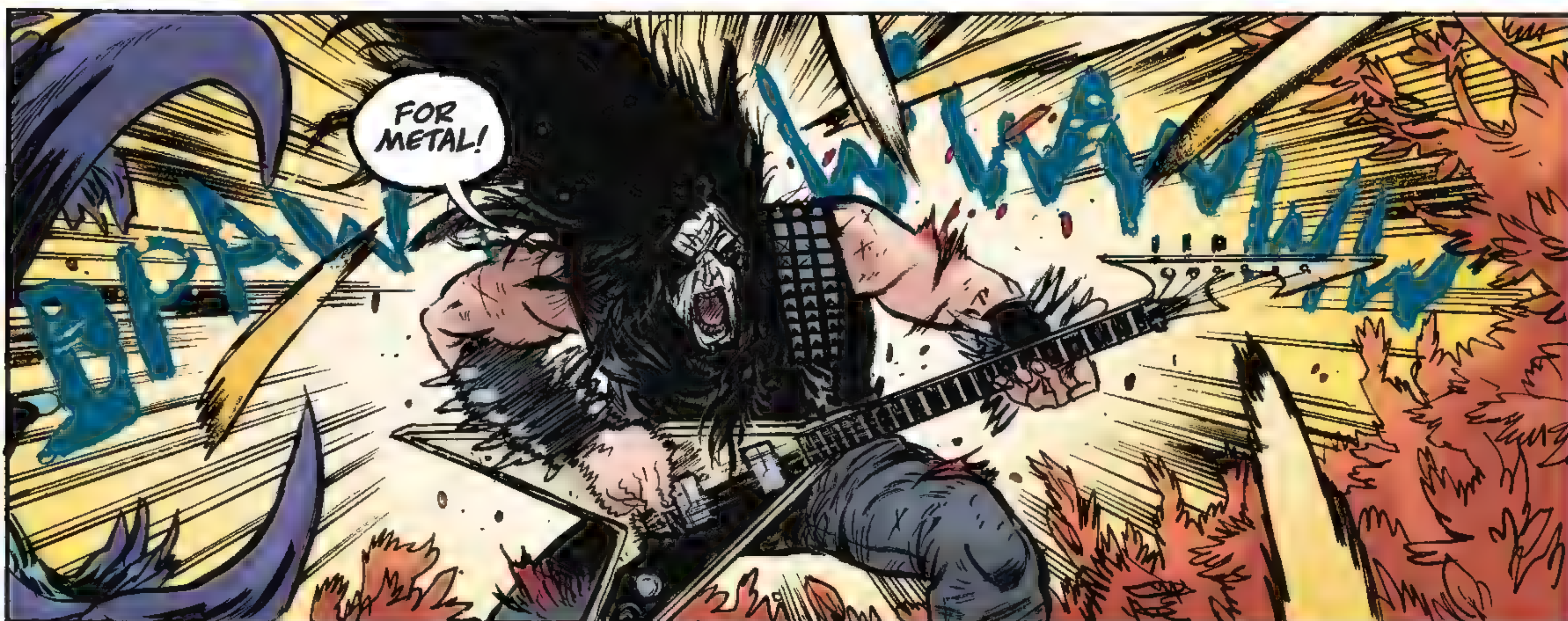
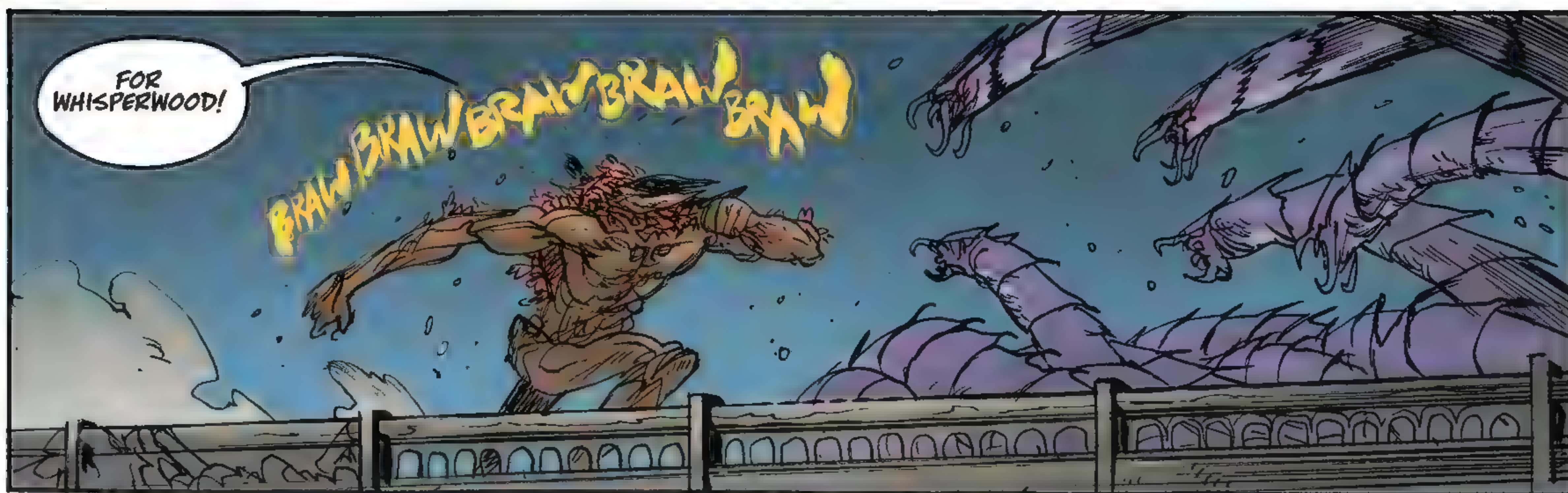


















MY NAME
IS SHOHEI
TAKAHASHI. I'M
WITH THE TOKYO
PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA.

I'M
HERE TO
HELP.

"AT FIRST, THERE WAS NO SHAPE TO HIS BEING. ENCASED IN DARKNESS, THE BEAST KNEW NO NAME. IT WAS MADE FROM THE WHISPER OF EVIL ON EARTH."

"EVERY MURDER, EVERY DARK THOUGHT, EVERY TREASONOUS ACTION TAKEN BY A HUMAN SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME HELPED FORM IT INTO THE THING YOU ENCOUNTERED TODAY."

"FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS IT HAS FED OFF OUR BLACKNESS. FOLDED ITSELF INTO THE PERFECT MACHINE, PRIMED AND READY TO STRIP US OF OUR HOME."

"EVERY VELDAR WE ENCOUNTER IS A PART OF IT. IT IS A MACHINIST OF TERROR. THE VERY EMBODIMENT OF FEAR."

EVER SINCE THE GREAT TEAR OPENED, OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN EXAMINING IT. MAGNUM KHAOS, THE VELDAR, THEY ARE PURE ENERGY MORPHED INTO PHYSICAL FORM. THEY ARE CAPABLE OF PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION, BUT THEY HAVE NO ACTUAL PHYSICAL MASS.

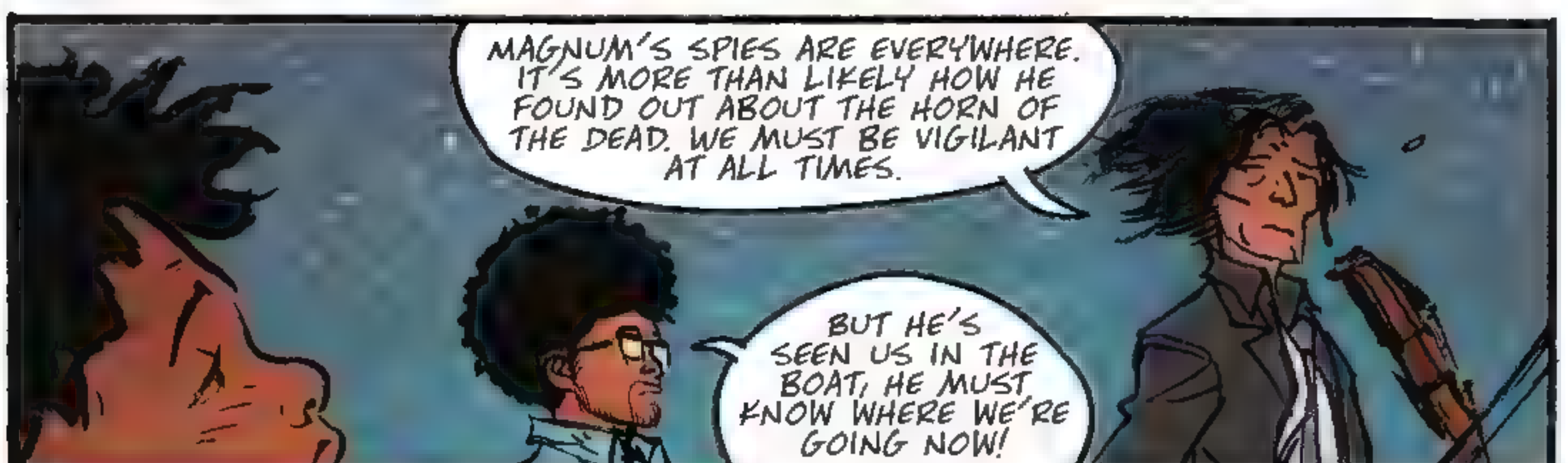
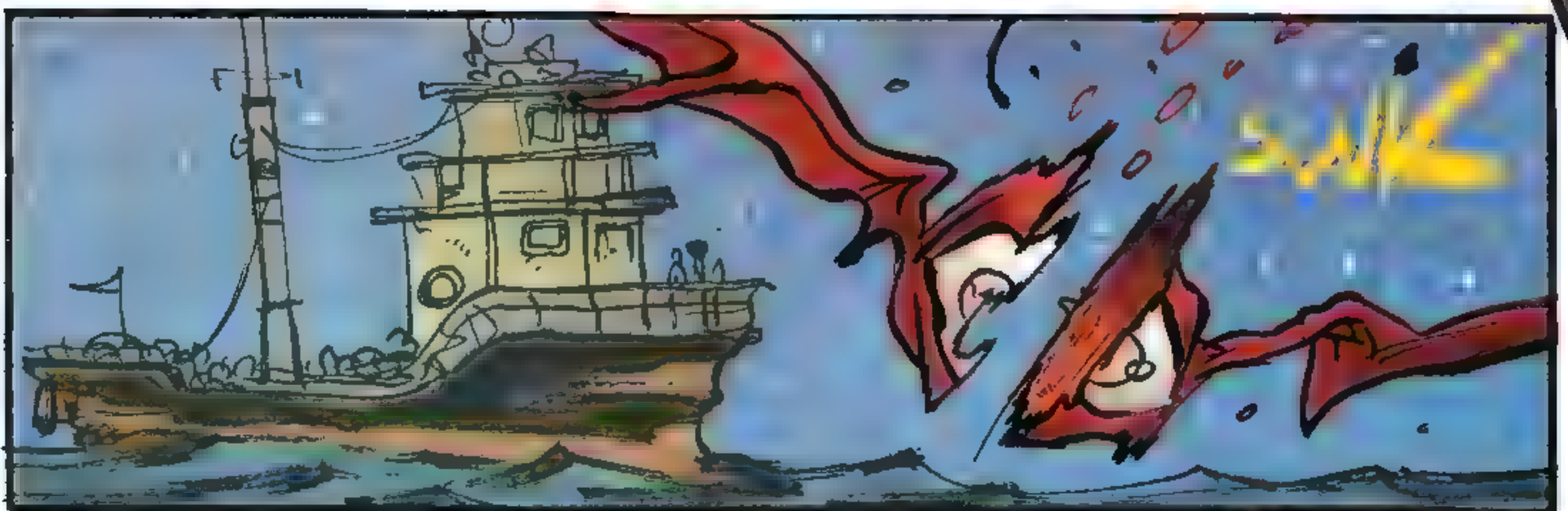
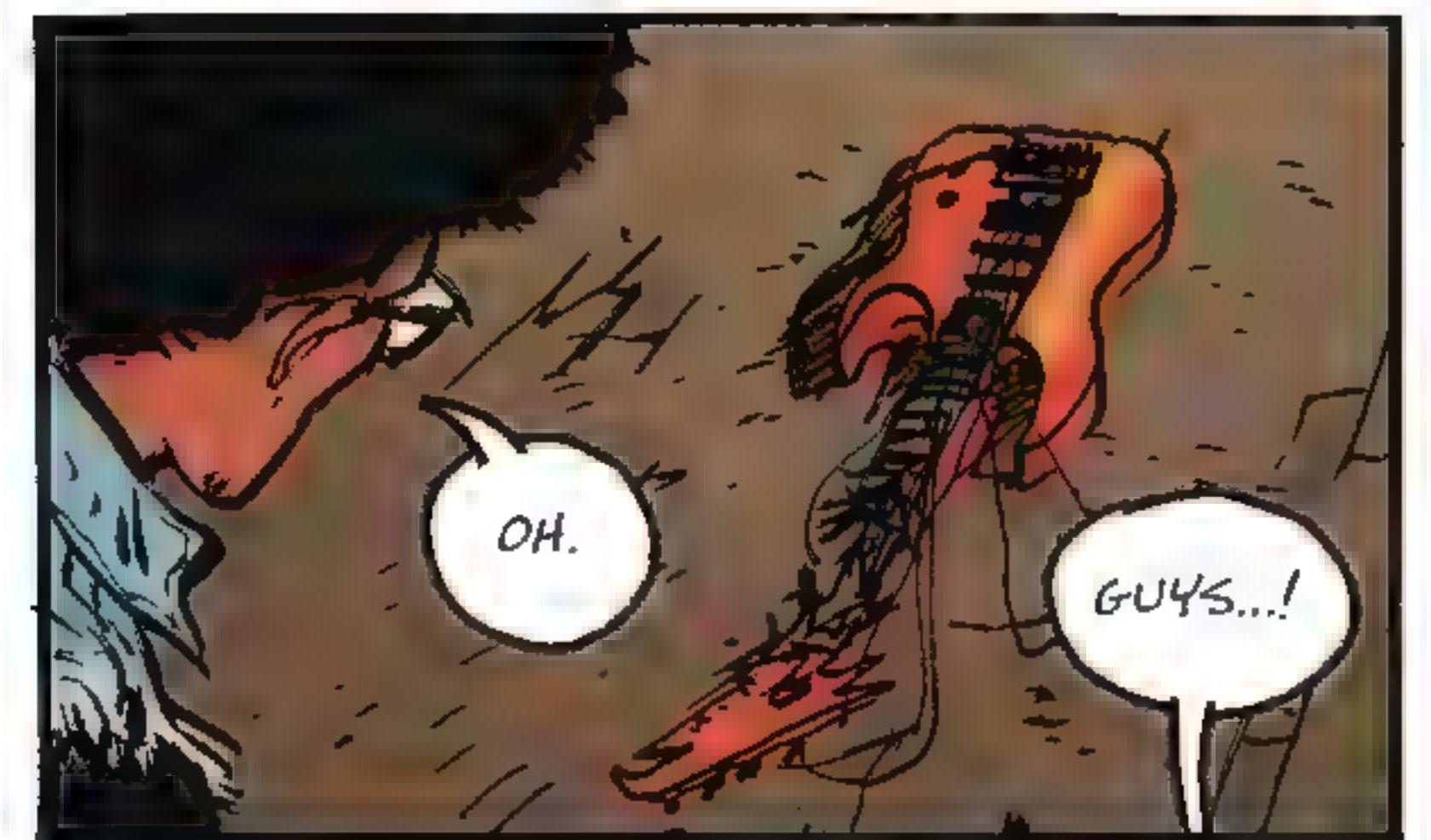
IT'S WHY MUSIC IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO DEFEATING THEM. THEY ARE SPIRITUAL IN NATURE. THEY MUST BE BANISHED BY THE HOLY NOTES OF--

METAL!
YES!

WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET TO THE HORN OF THE DEAD, BUT AS YOU HAVE DISCOVERED...

HE'S BLOCKADED THE ENTIRE ISLAND, WE COULDN'T GET THROUGH!

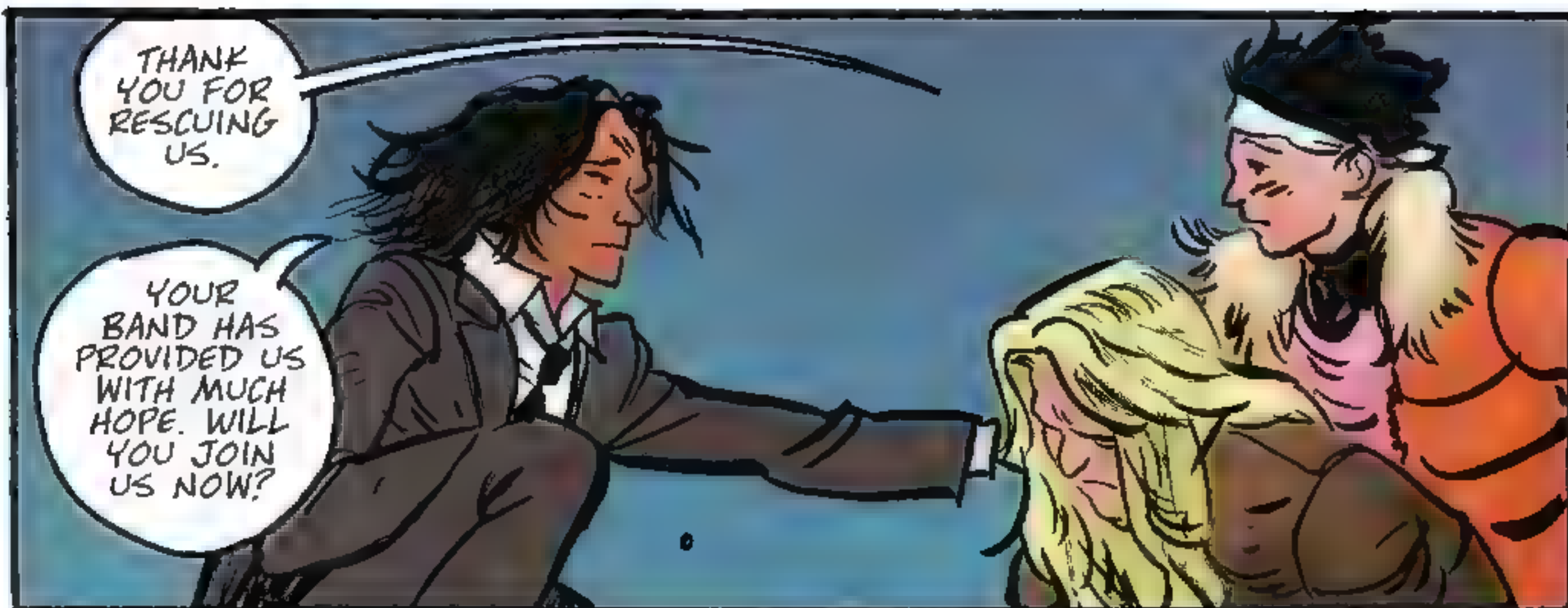
IF WE JOIN FORCES, THERE IS HOPE.





WE MUST HURRY.
HE'LL BE SENDING
HIS BEASTS AFTER US,
TO ENSURE THAT WE
NEVER BLOW THE
HORN THAT CAN
SAVE US.

TAKA.



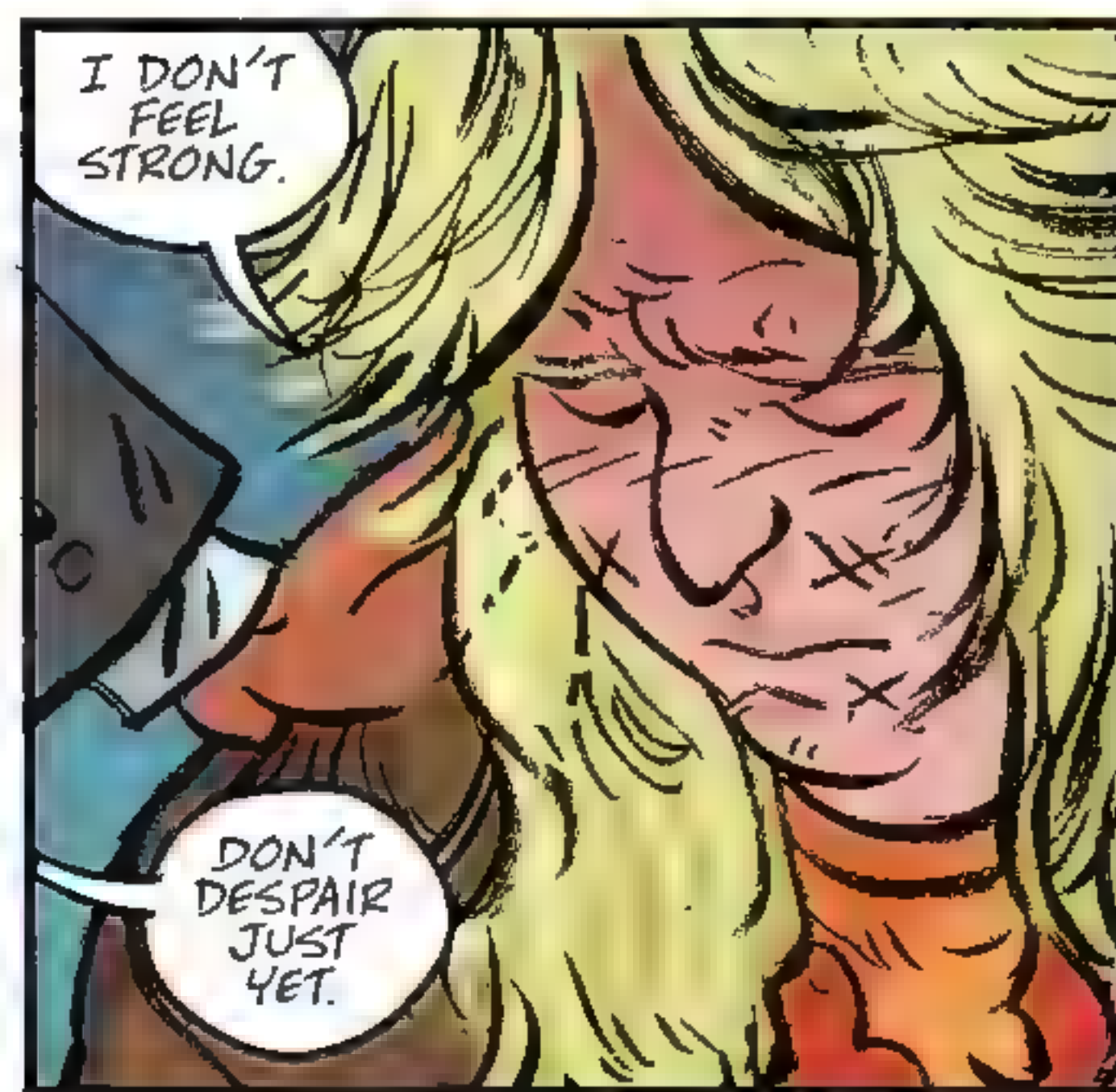
THANK
YOU FOR
RESCUING
US.

YOUR
BAND HAS
PROVIDED US
WITH MUCH
HOPE. WILL
YOU JOIN
US NOW?



I... WE ARE ALL PRETTY
BEAT UP. I DON'T
KNOW HOW MUCH HELP
WE'LL BE TO YOU.

I SEE YOUR
HEARTS, JAKE. YOUR BODY
MAY BE WEAK, BUT YOUR
SPIRIT IS SO STRONG.



I DON'T
FEEL
STRONG.

DON'T
DESPAIR
JUST
YET.



NOT UNTIL YOU
MEET YOUR
REINFORCEMENTS.



HALT!
WHO GOES
THERE?

SHIRO!
IT IS
ME!

WHO'S
THIS WITH
YOU?!

DO NOT FEAR!
I'VE BROUGHT
BROOTICUS TO
HELP US!

NO
WAY...

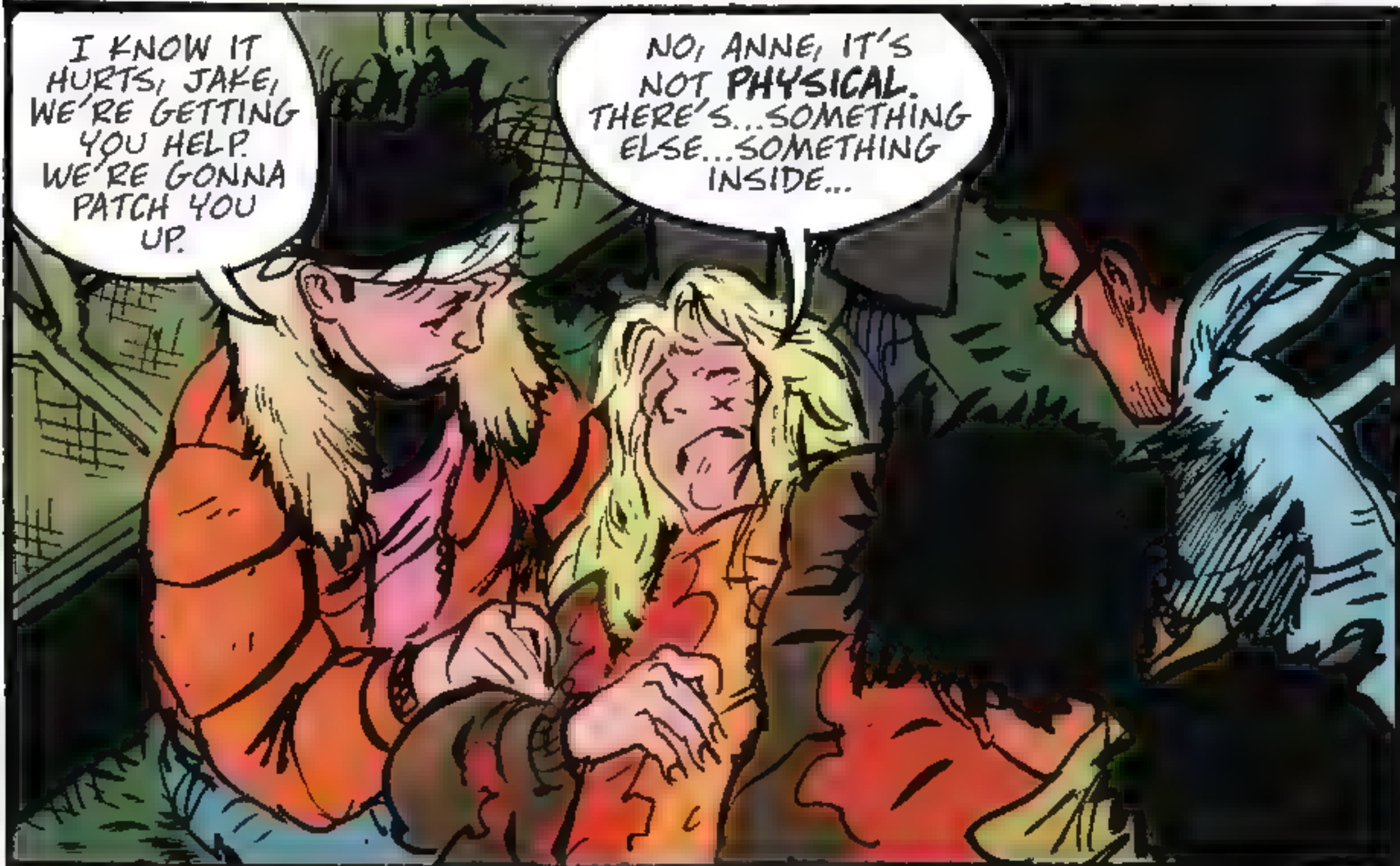
THE
LEGENDS...
HERE WITH
US!

WE ARE
SAVED!

SHREDDED
TO DEATH IS
MY FAVORITE
ALBUM OF
ALL TIME!

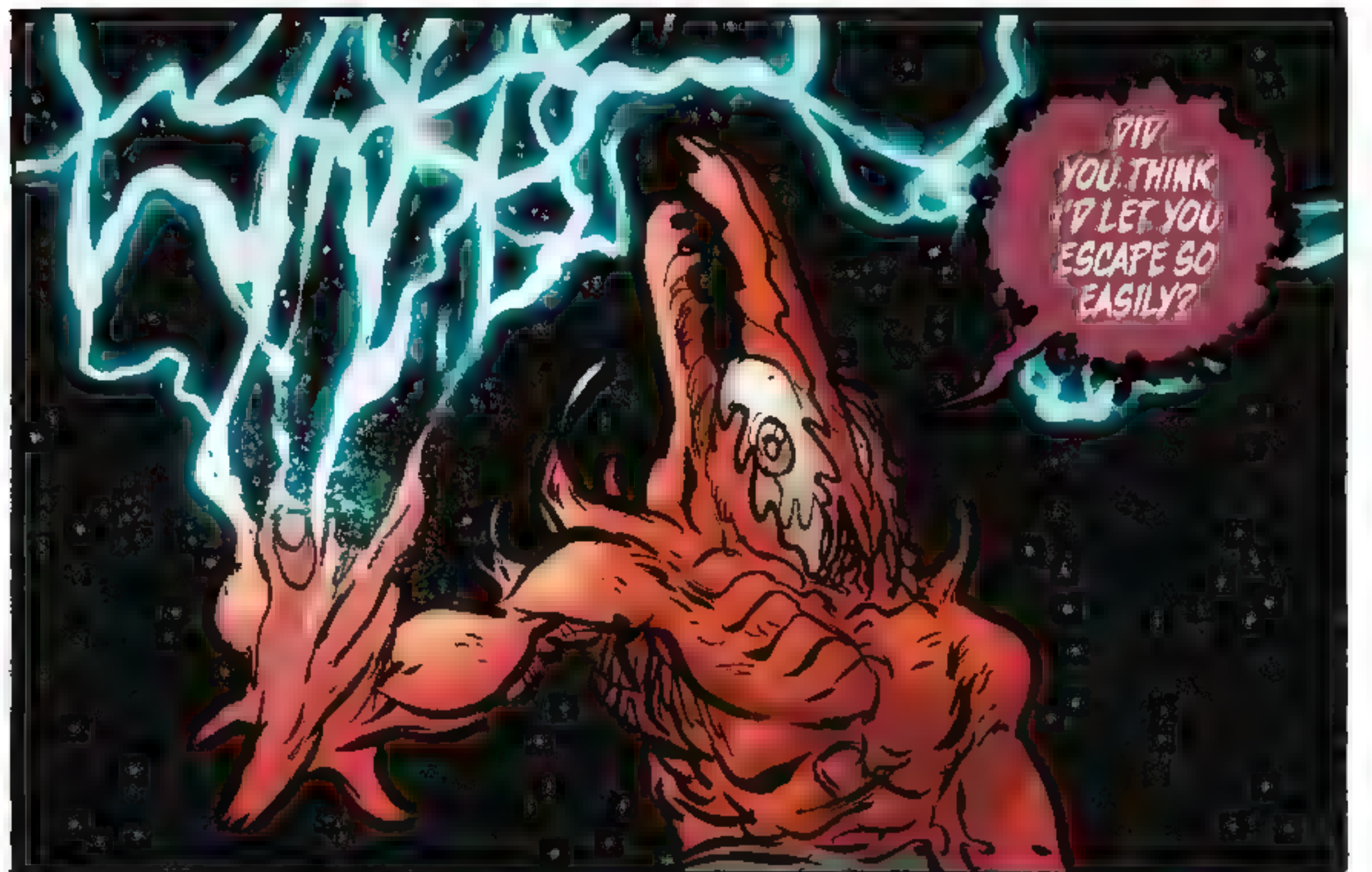


I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MUCH LONGER
I CAN...
STAND
IT.



I KNOW IT
HURTS, JAKE,
WE'RE GETTING
YOU HELP.
WE'RE GONNA
PATCH YOU
UP.

NO, ANNE, IT'S
NOT PHYSICAL.
THERE'S... SOMETHING
ELSE... SOMETHING
INSIDE...



DID
YOU THINK
I'D LET YOU
ESCAPE SO
EASILY?



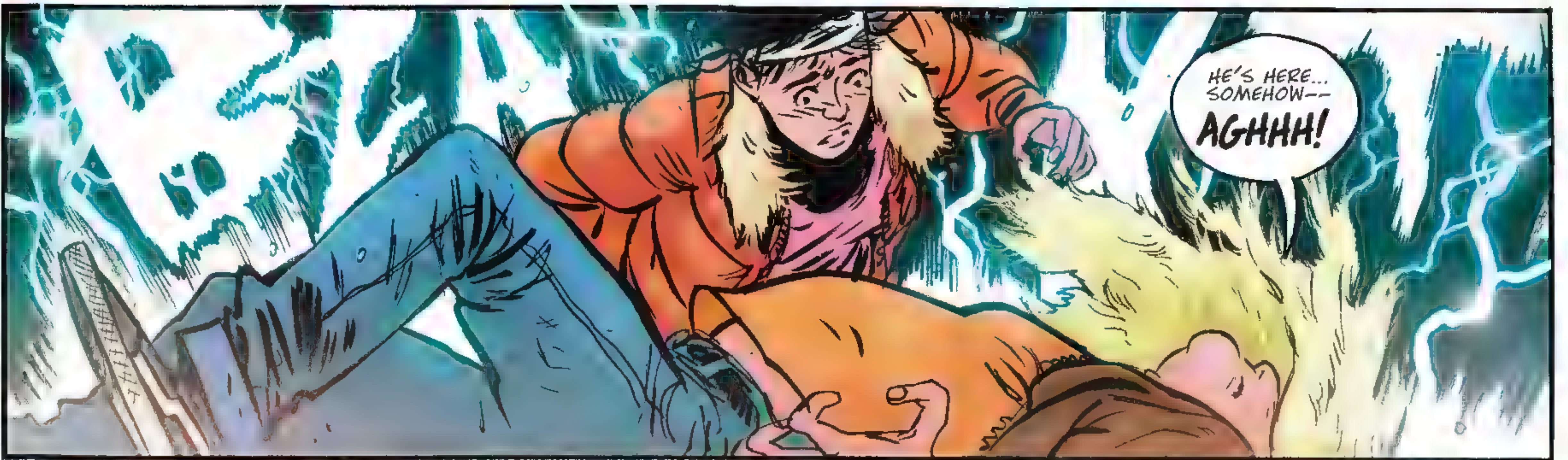
WE ARE
CONNECTED NOW.
I AM A PART OF
YOU. IN SOME
WAYS.



"I ALWAYS
WAS."

NO. GET
OUT OF MY
HEAD...

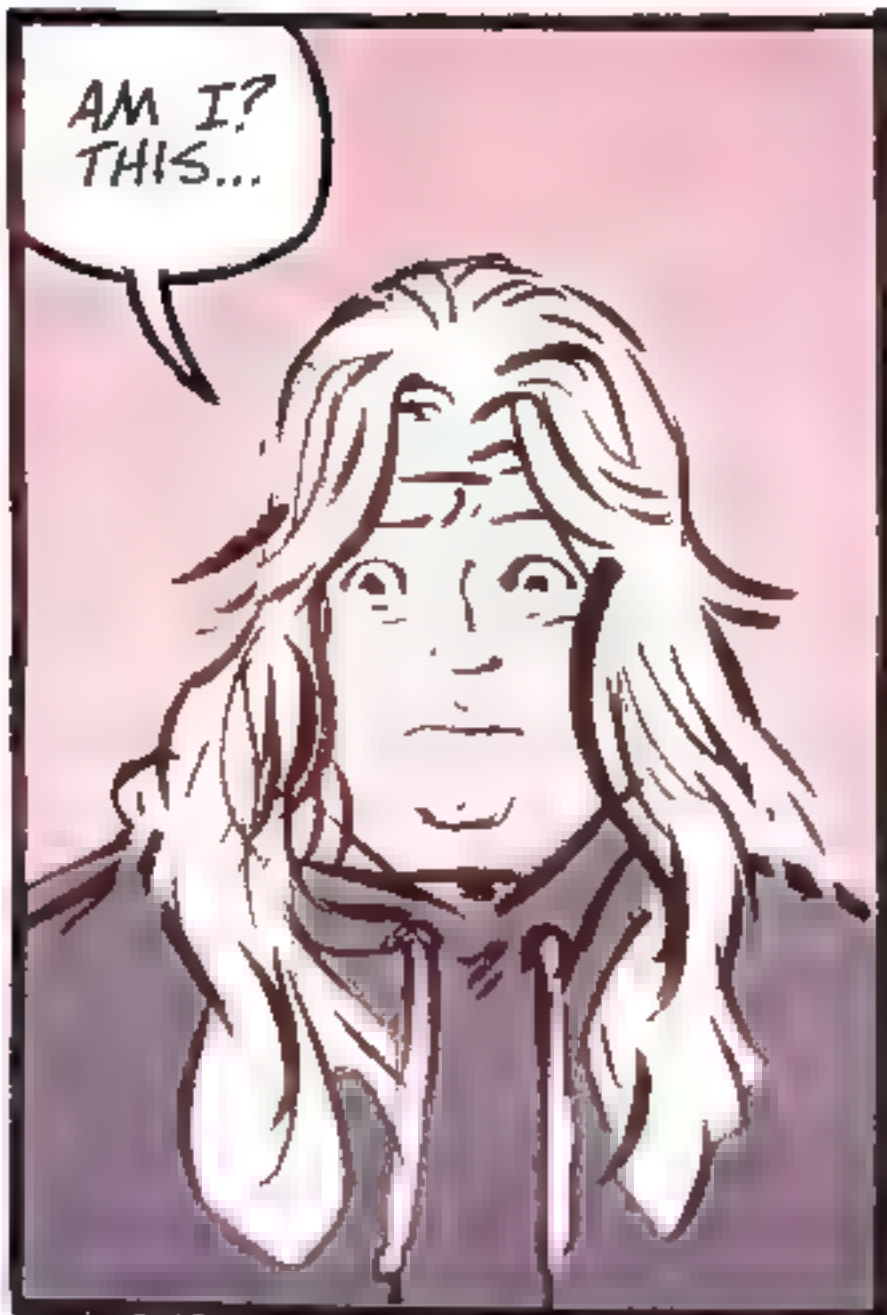
JAKE!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



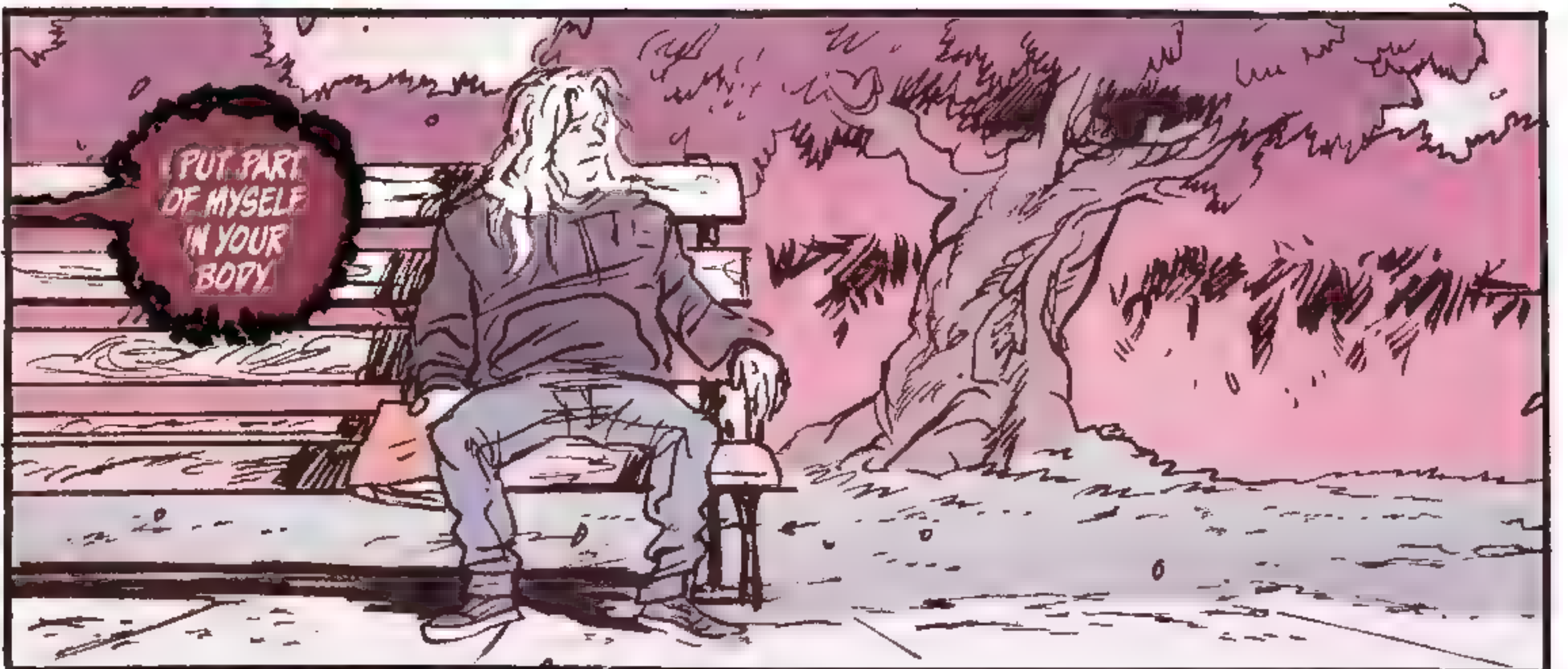
HE'S HERE...
SOMEHOW--
AGHHH!



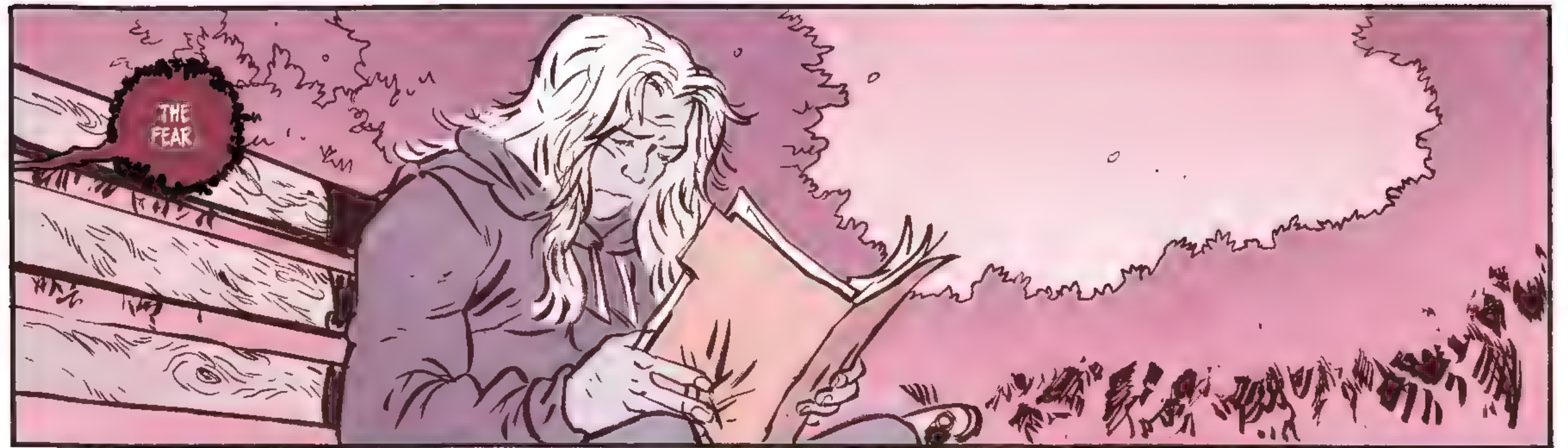
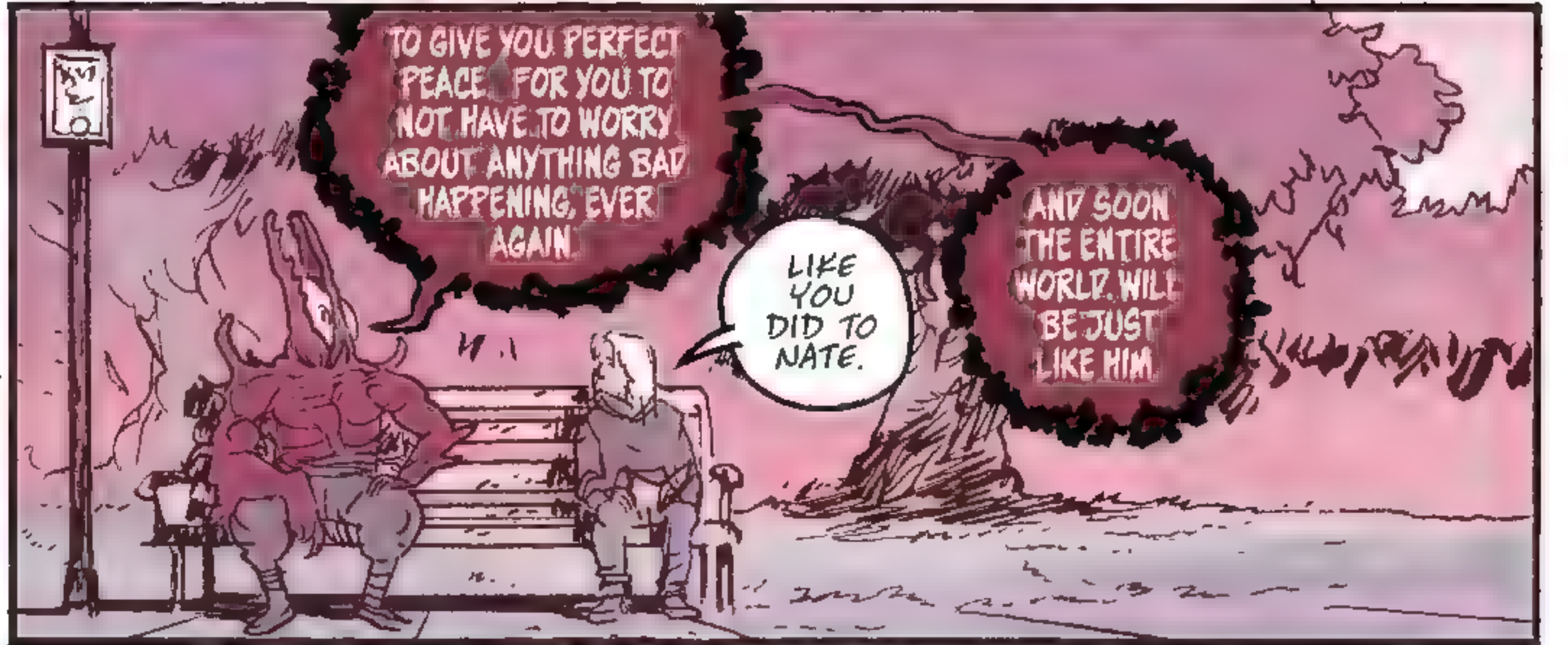
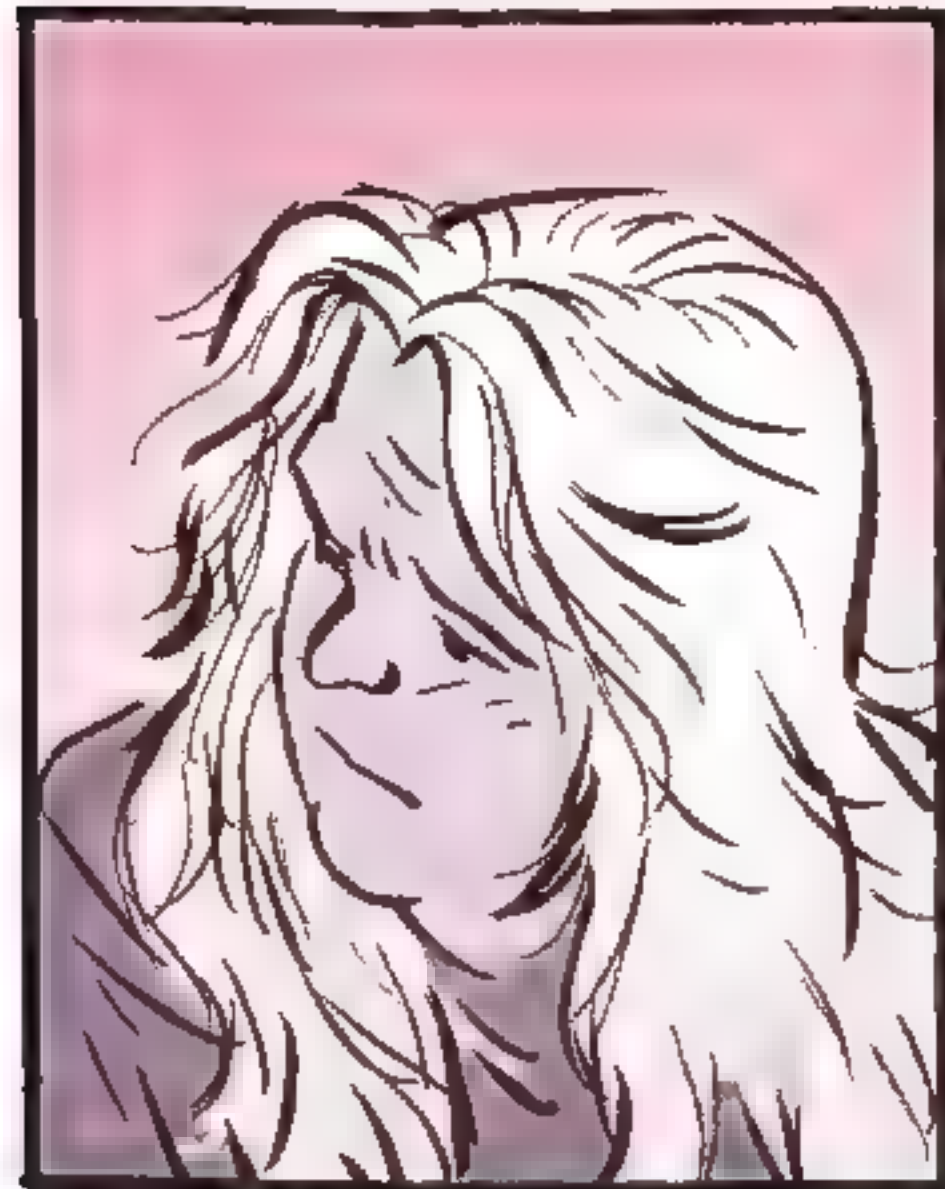
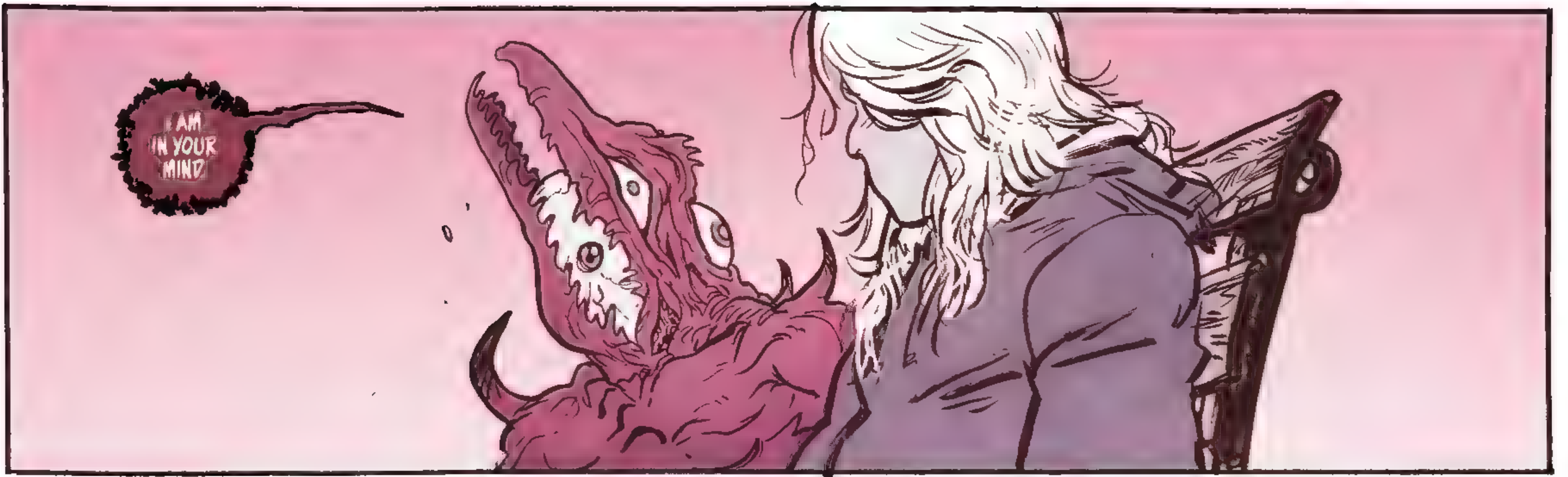
WHERE...



AM I?
THIS...

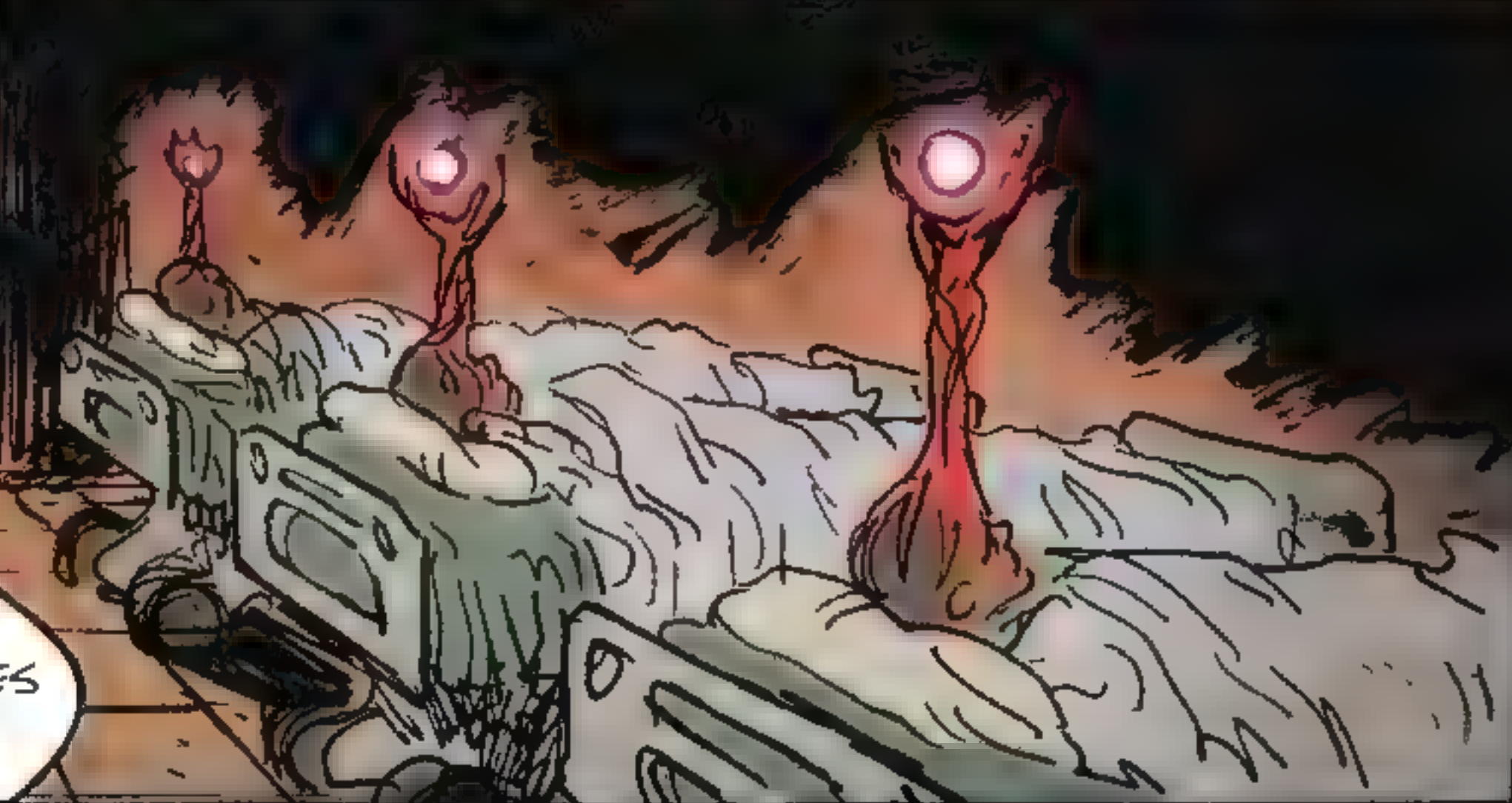
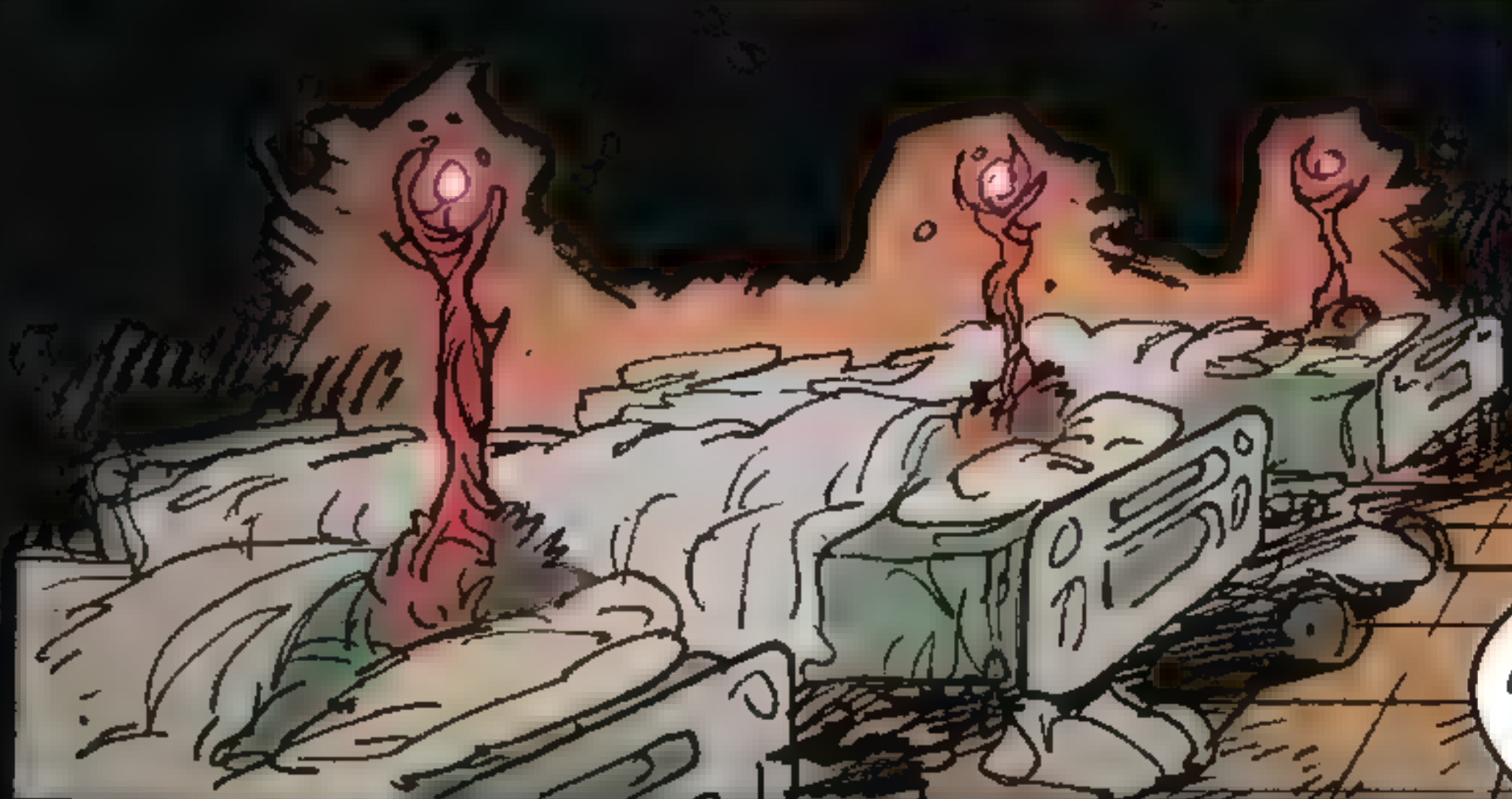
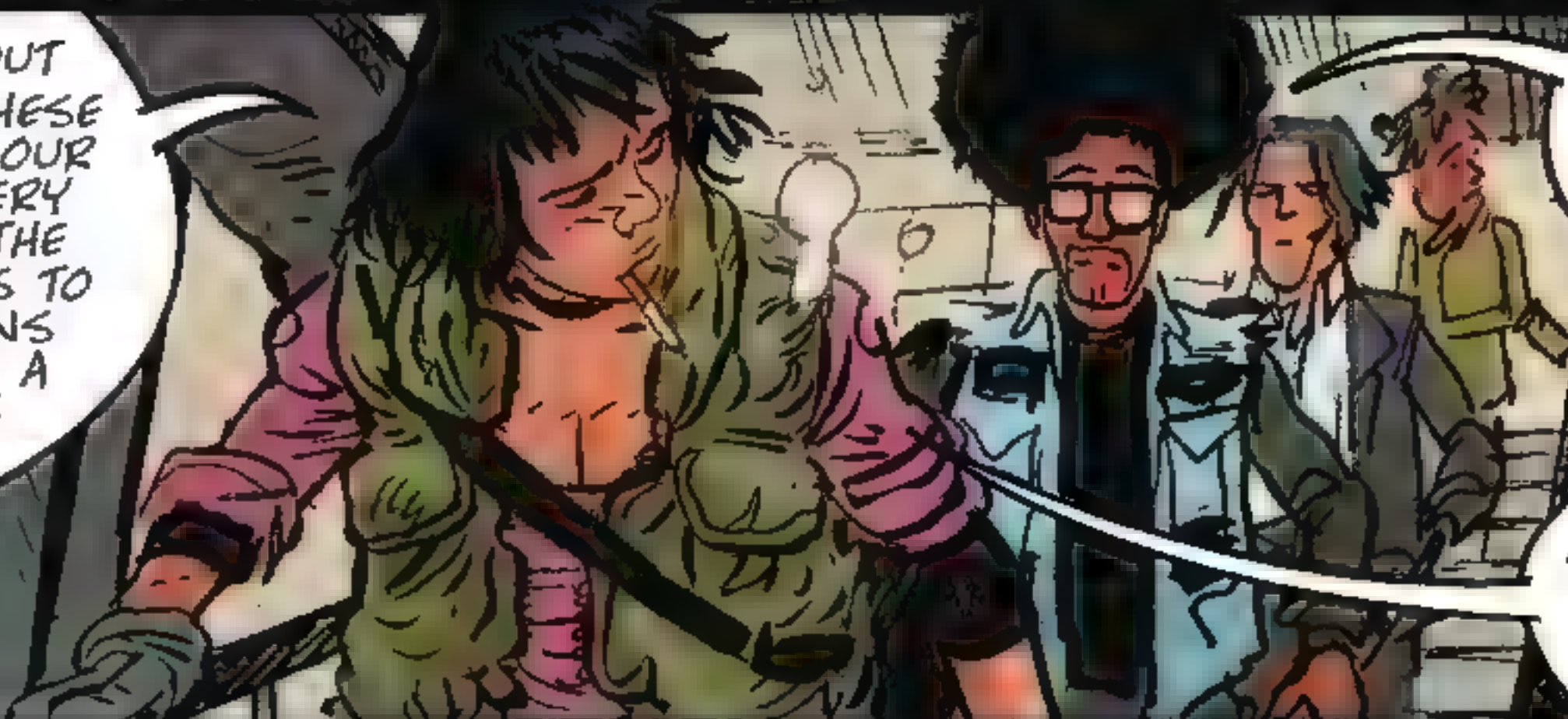


I PUT PART
OF MYSELF
IN YOUR
BODY.

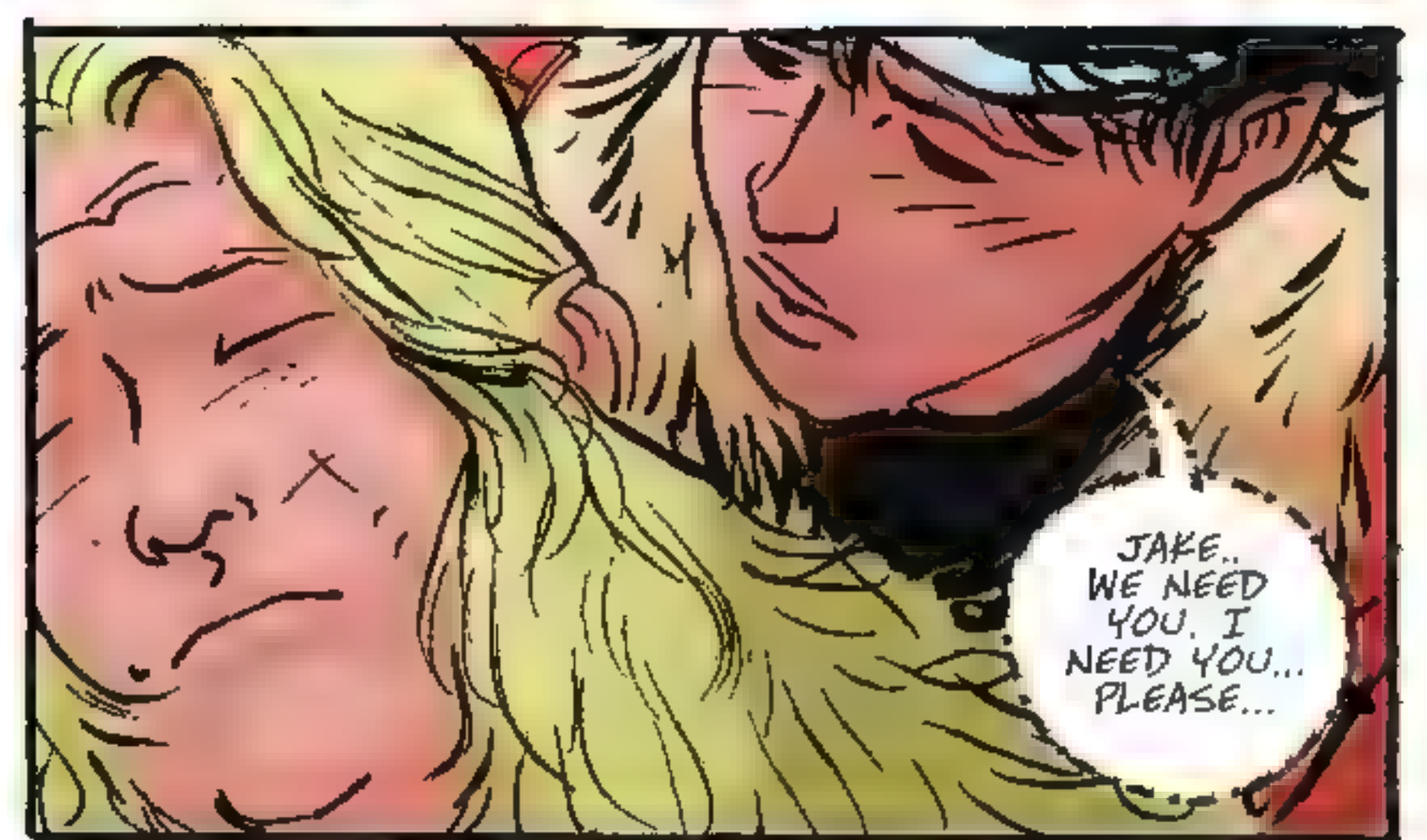
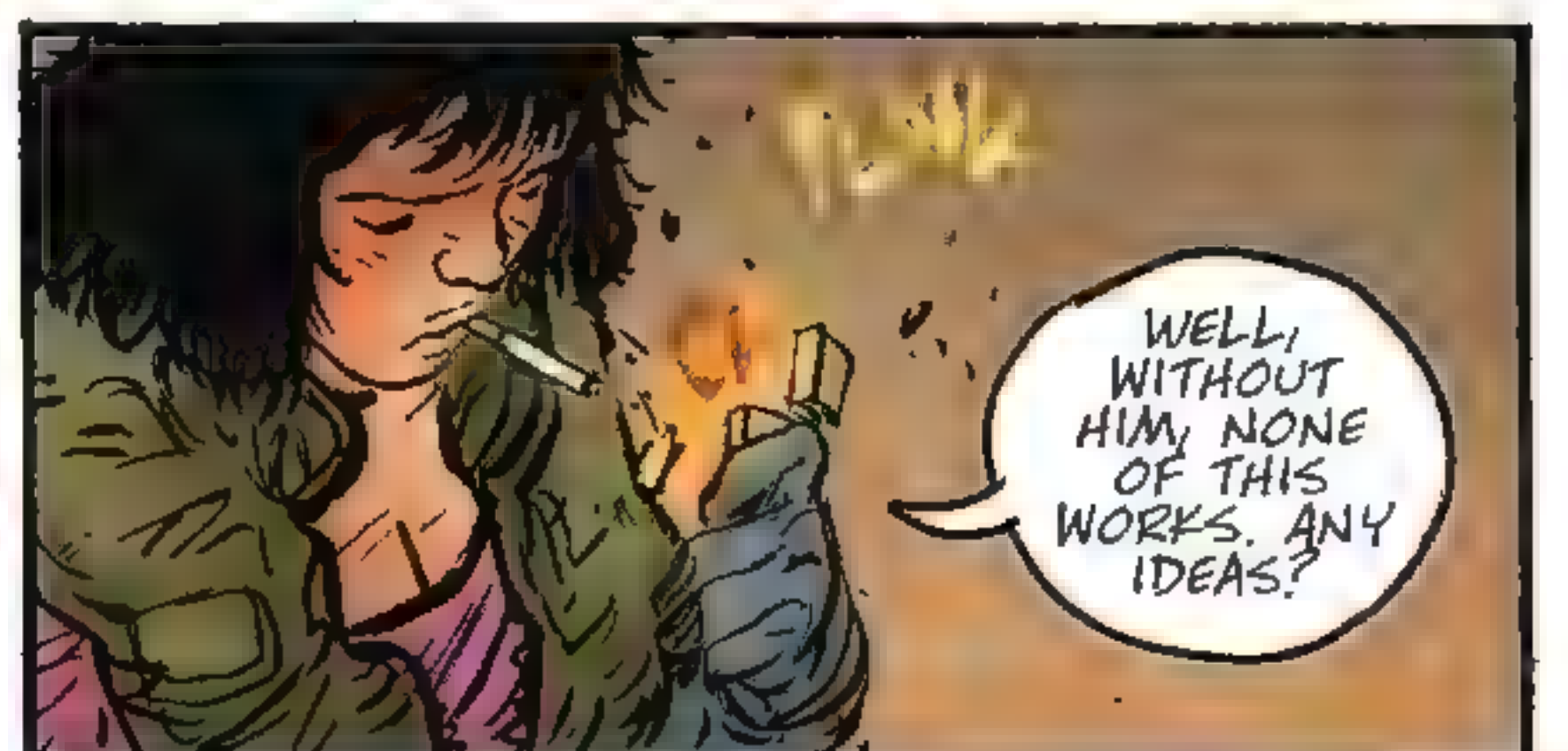
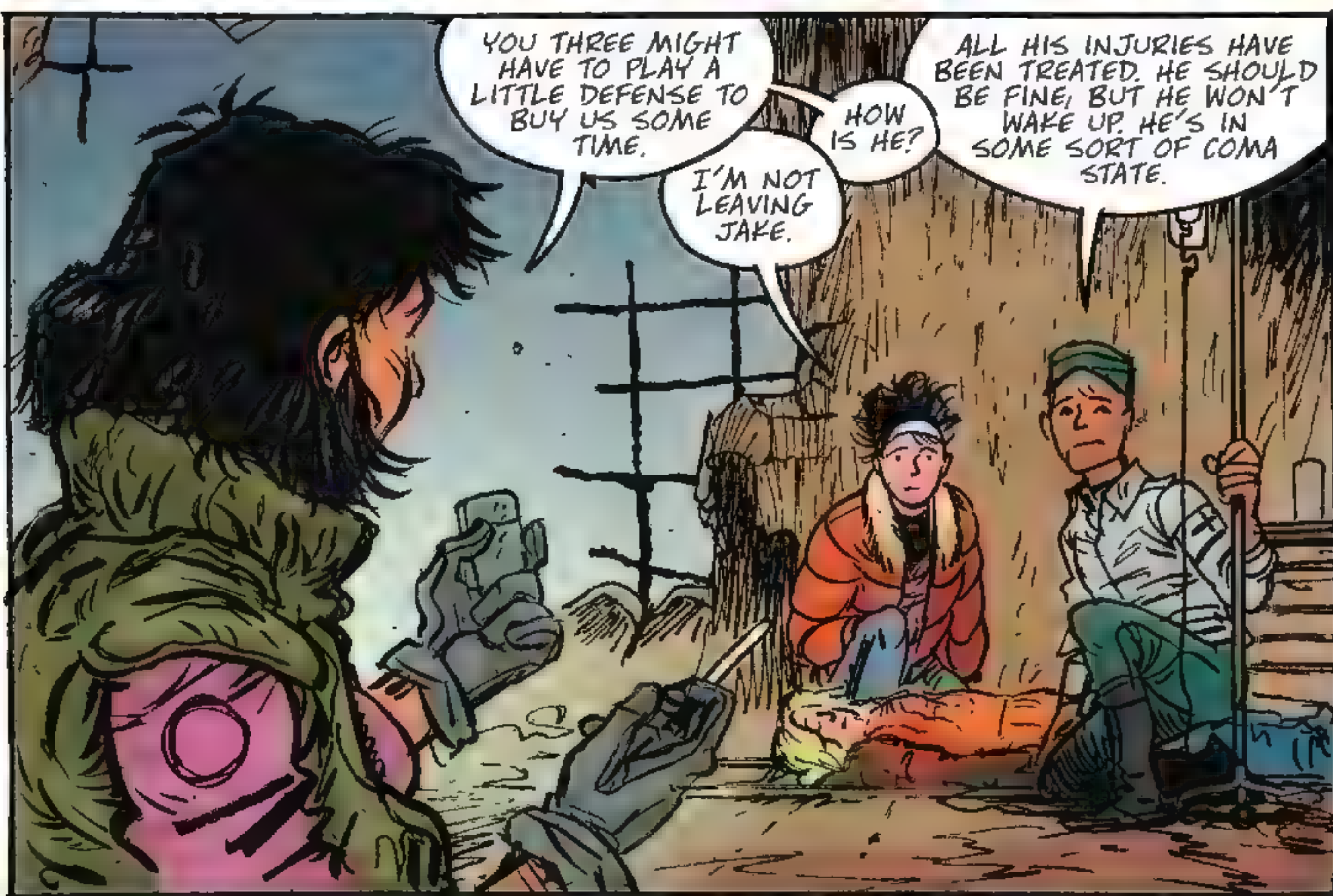
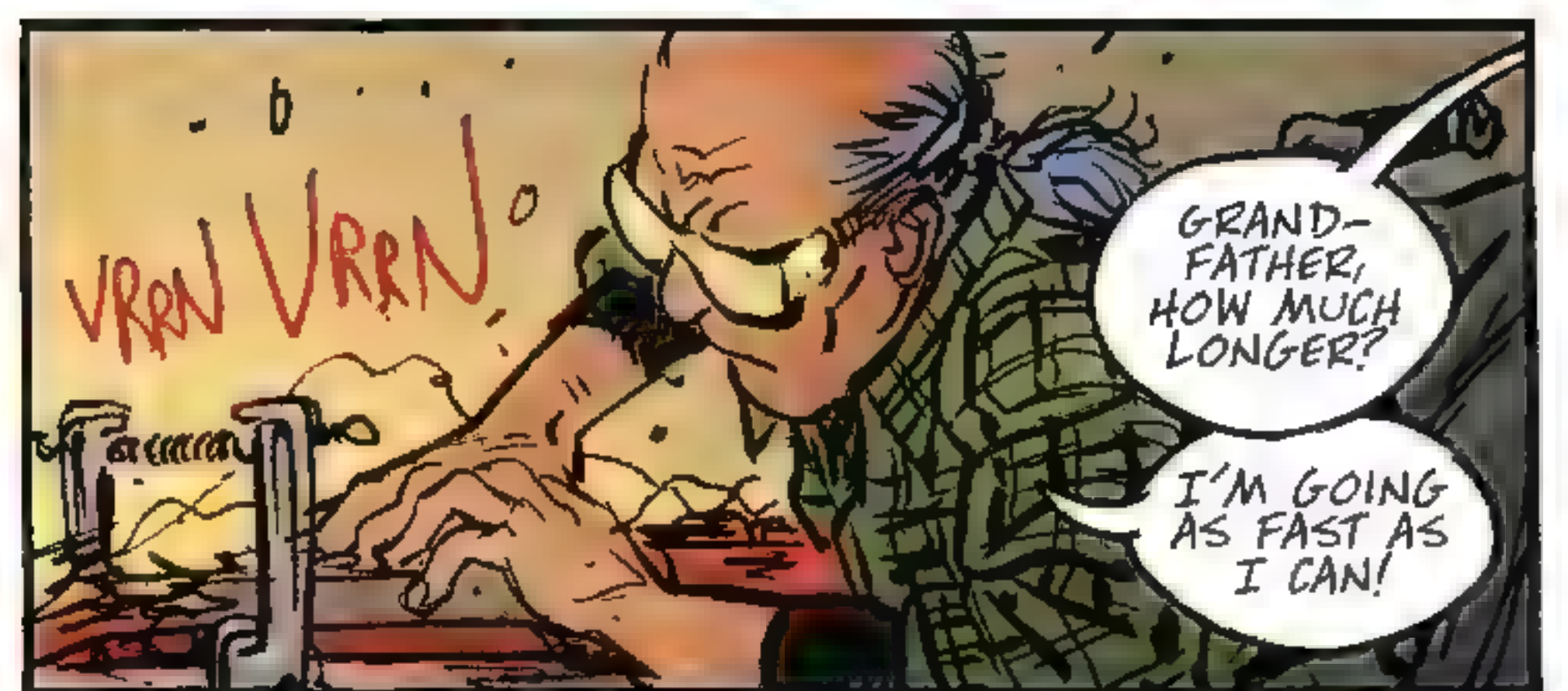
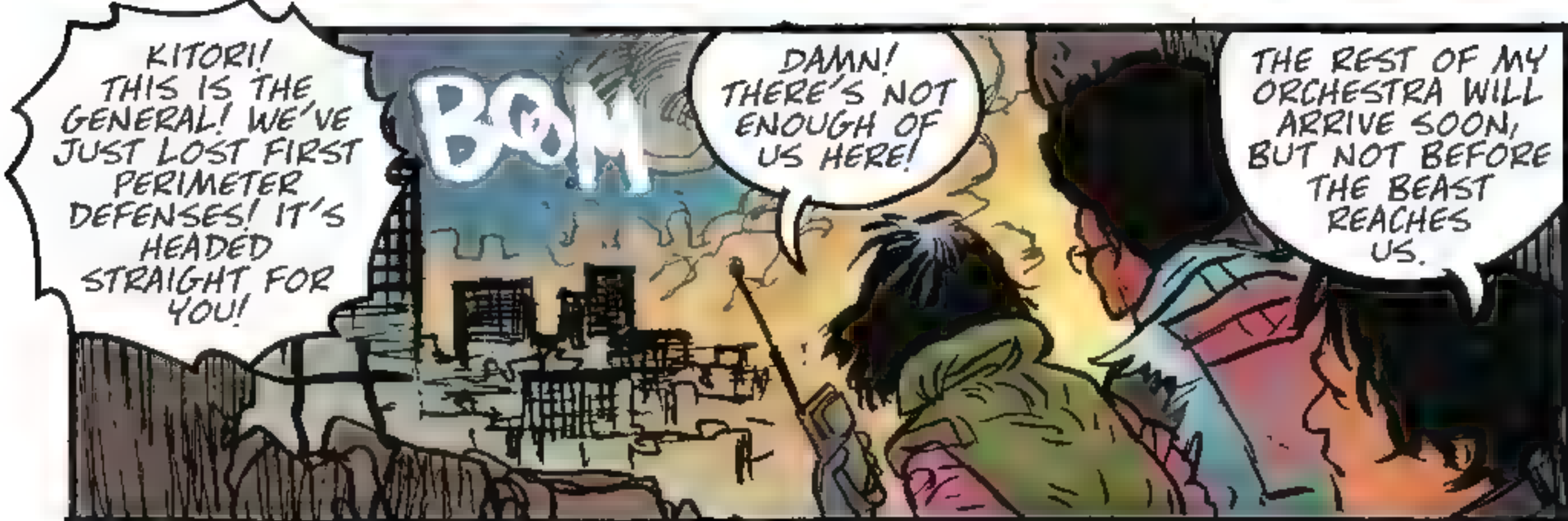


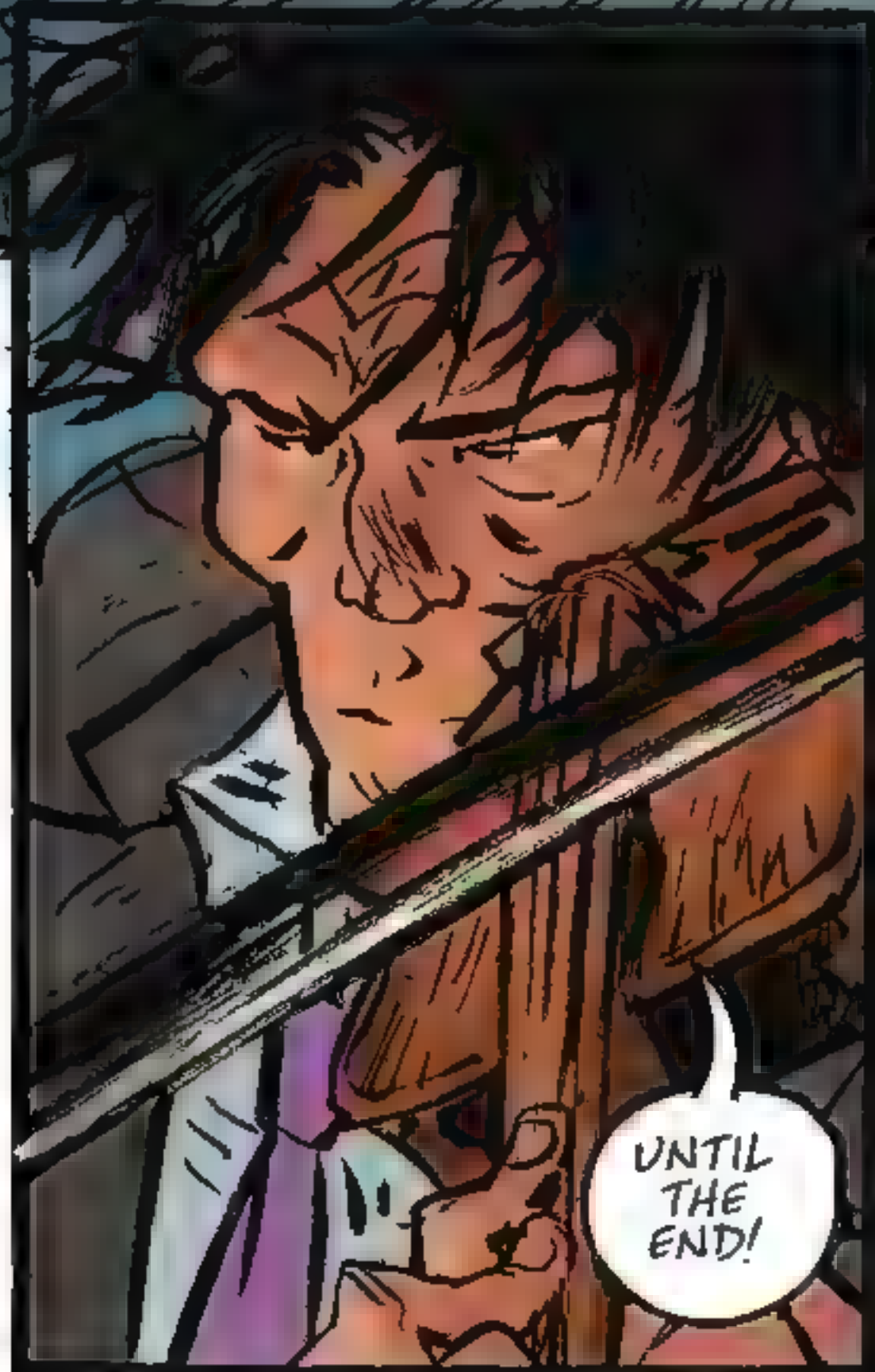
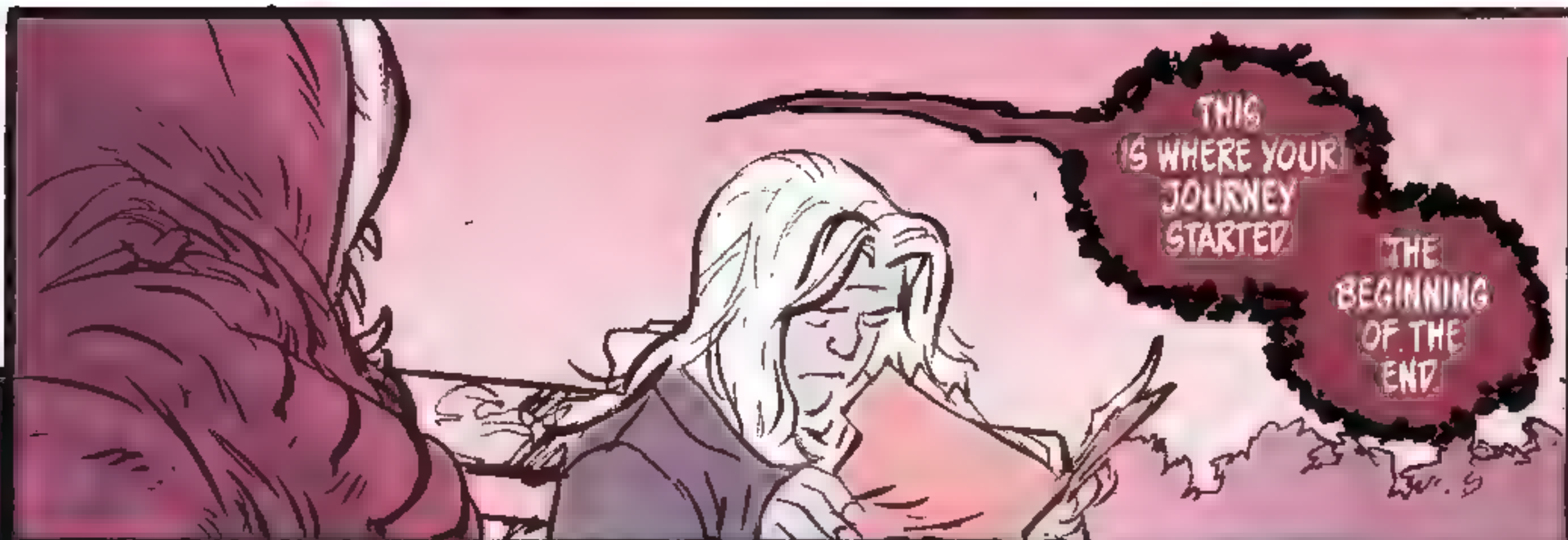
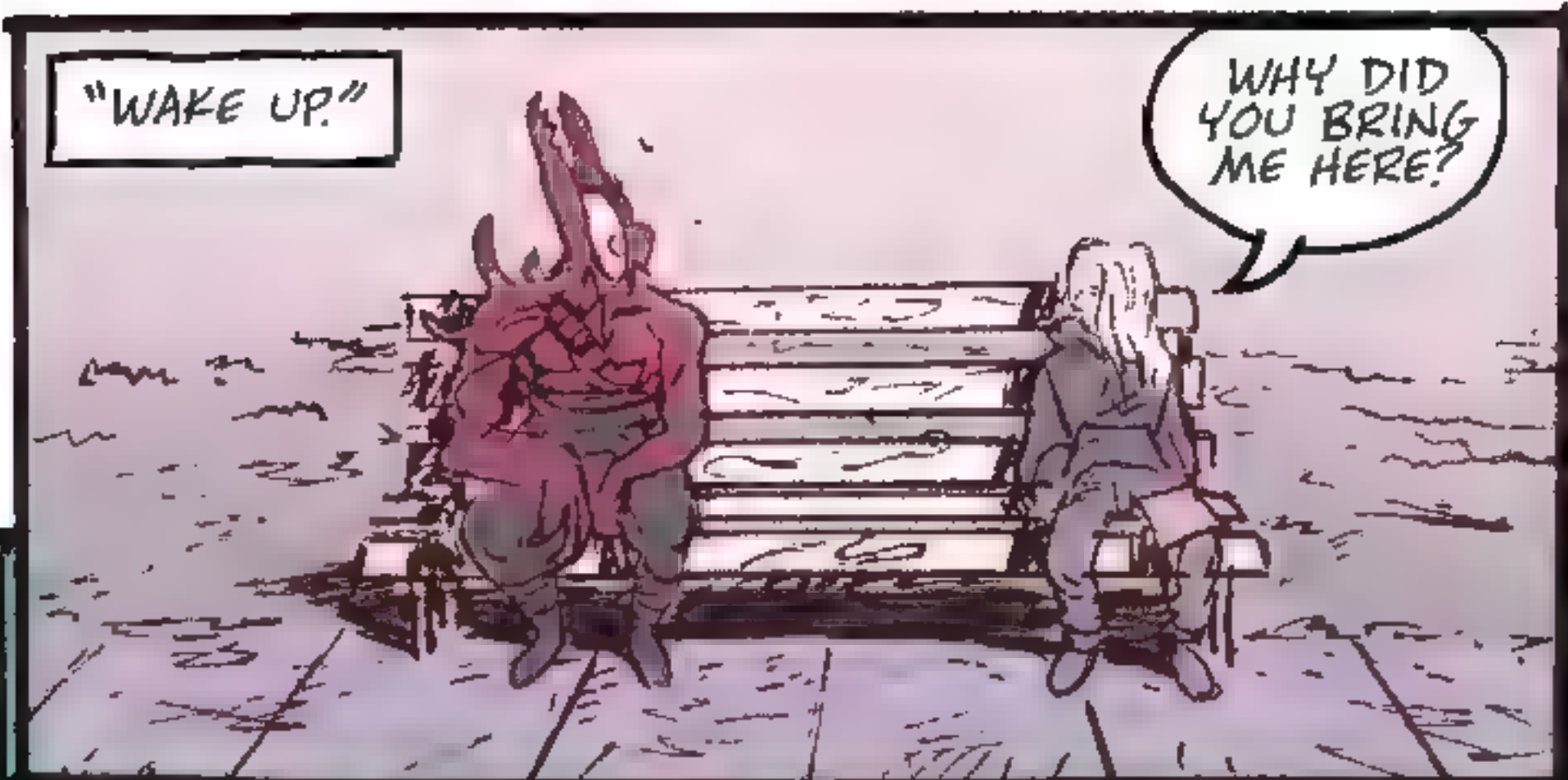


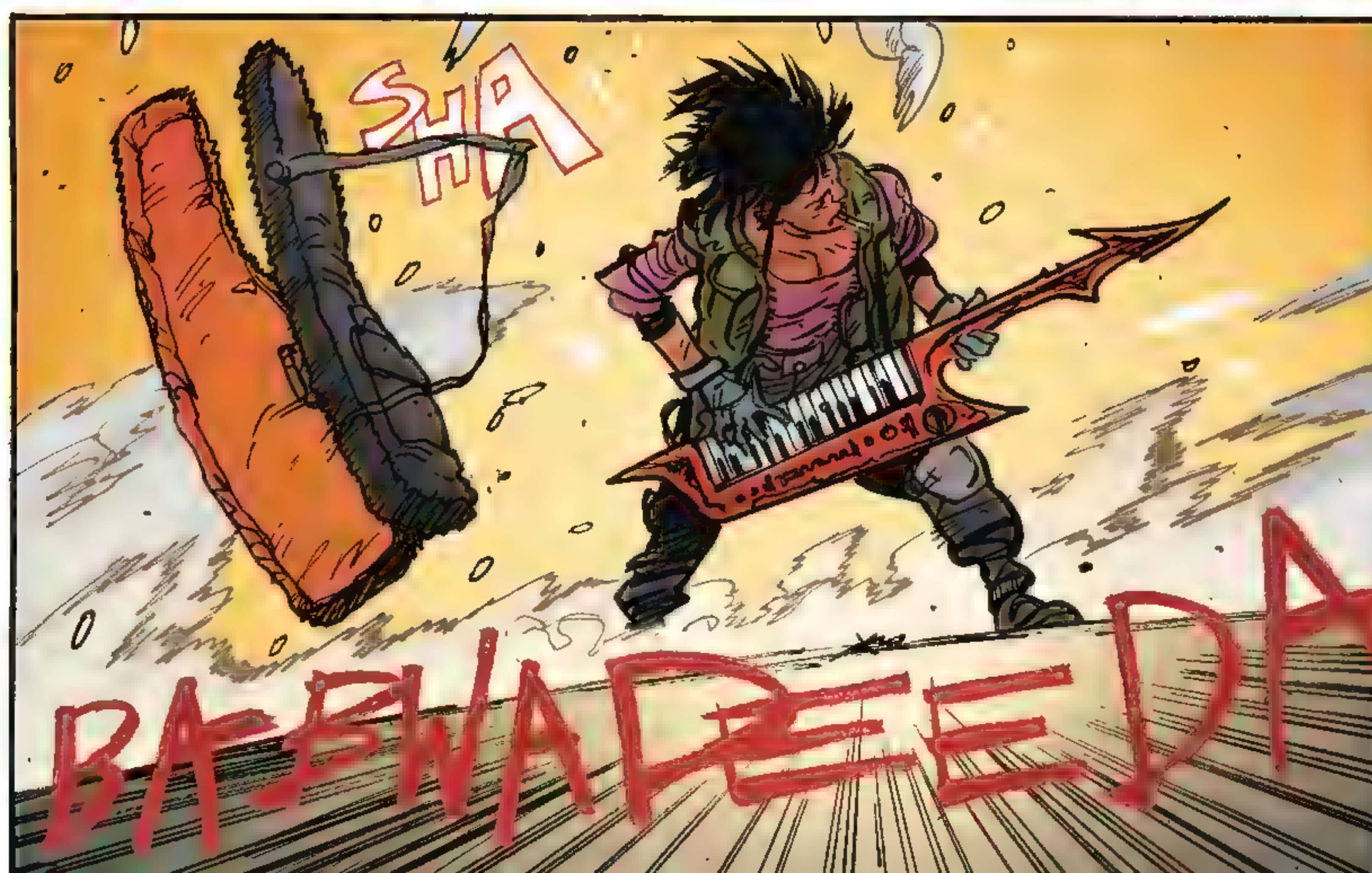
ONCE WE FIGURED OUT WHAT COULD HURT THESE BEASTS, WE MADE IT OUR DUTY TO CORRAL EVERY RESOURCE TO FIND THE FABLED INSTRUMENTS TO COMBAT THEM. TURNS OUT THERE'S QUITE A FEW IF YOU LOOK HARD ENOUGH.

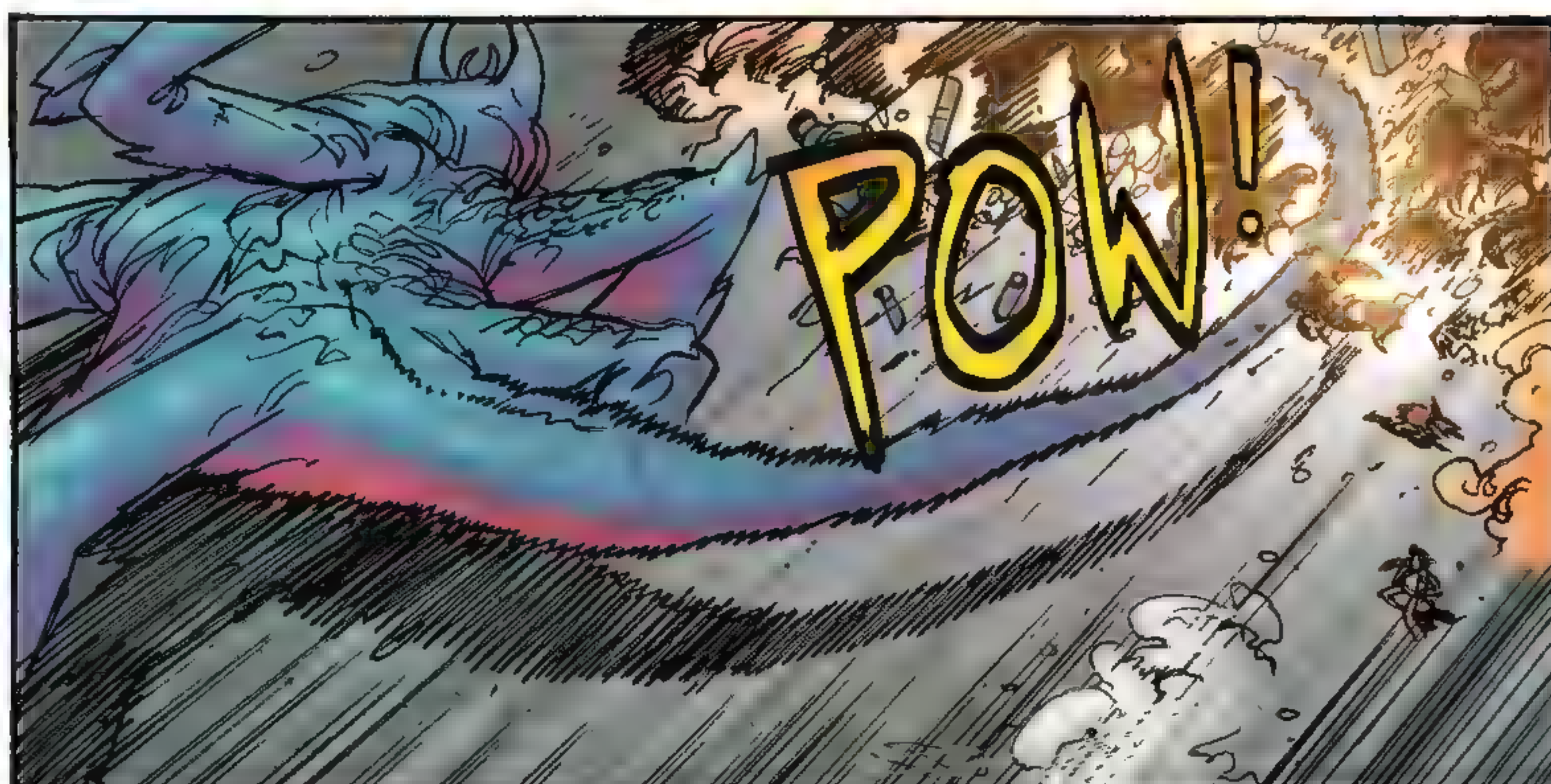
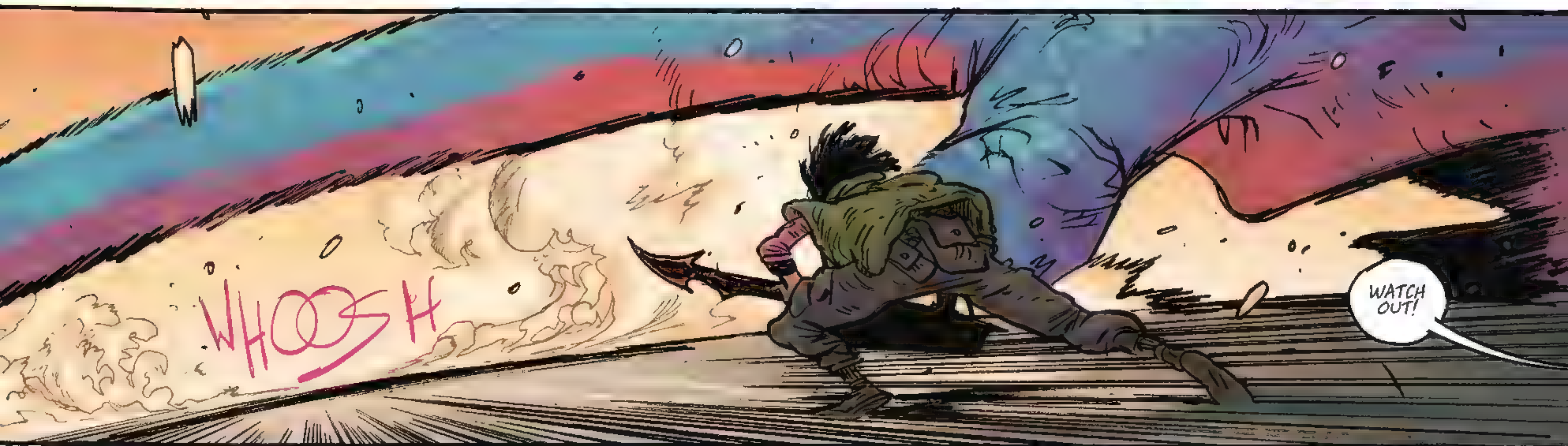


MANY HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THEMSELVES SELFLESSLY TO THE FIGHT.







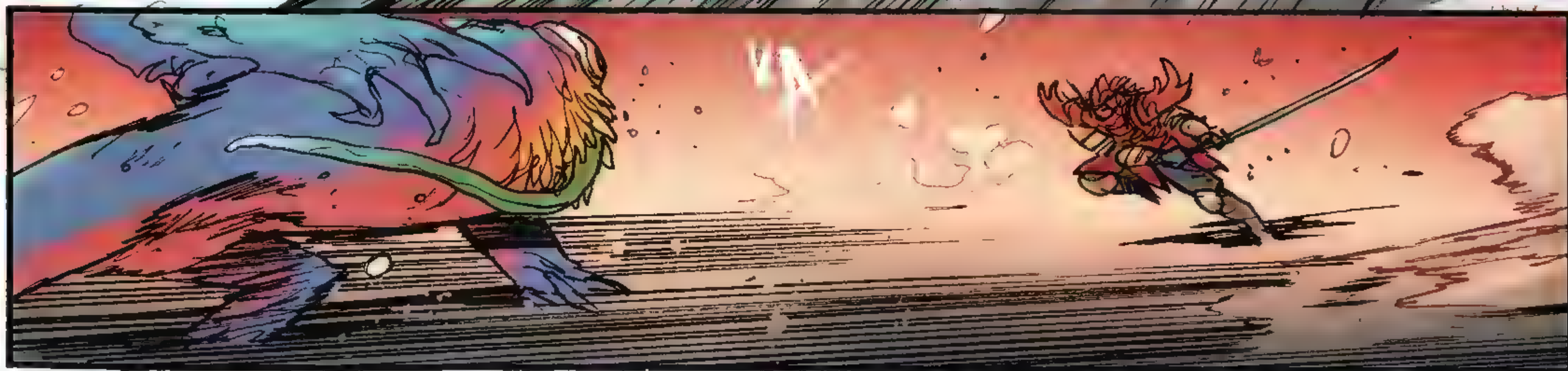




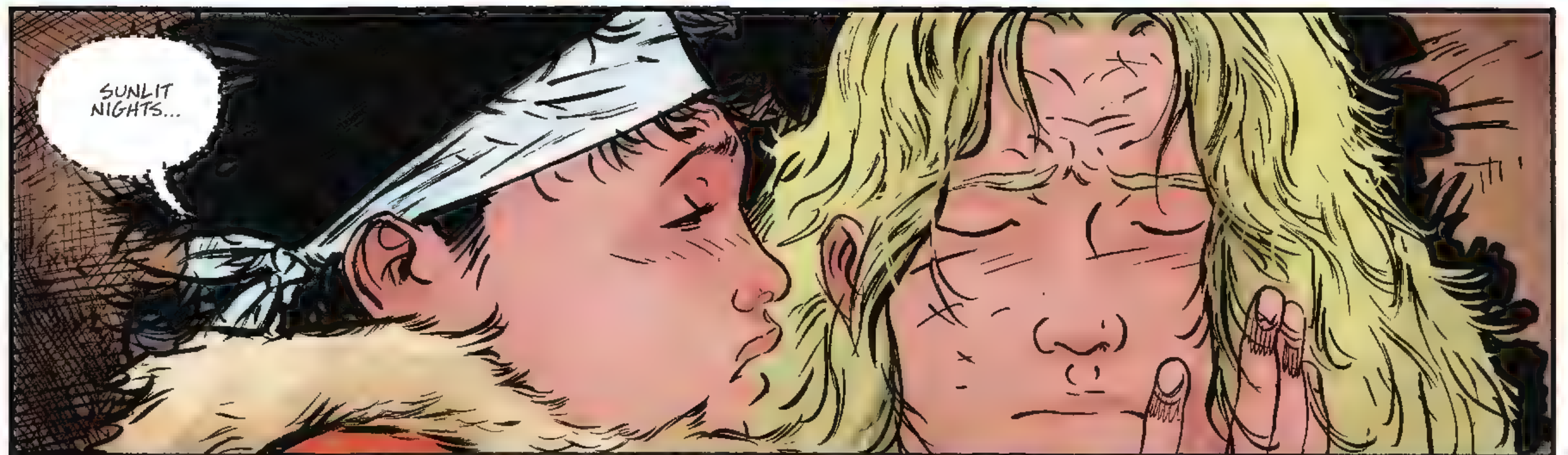
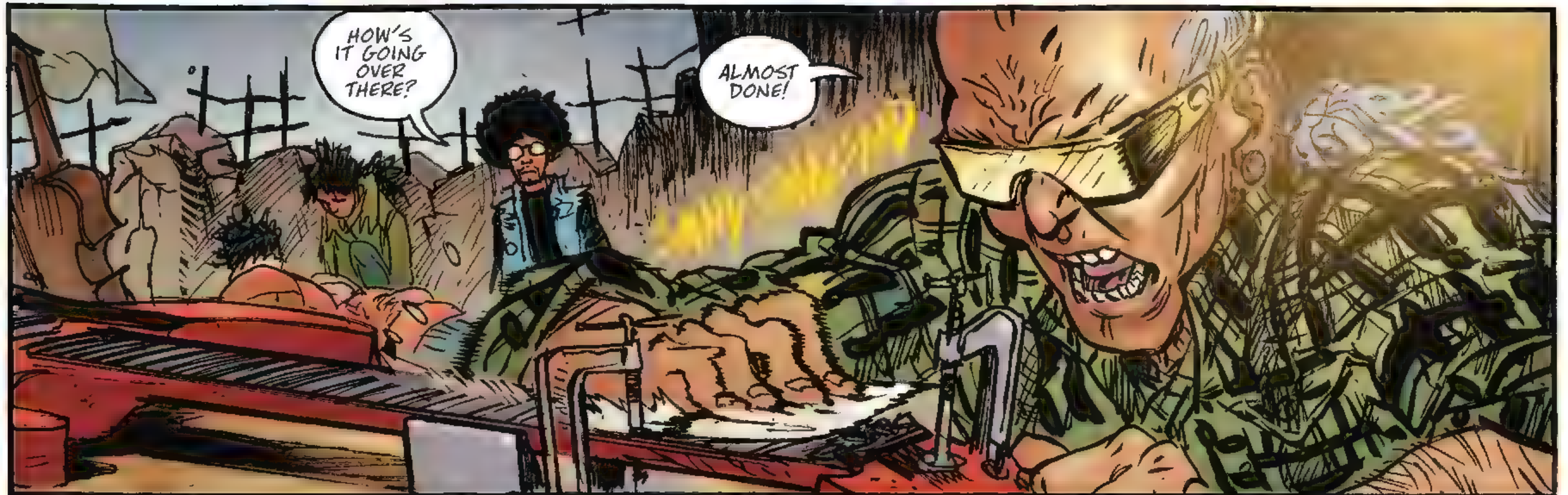
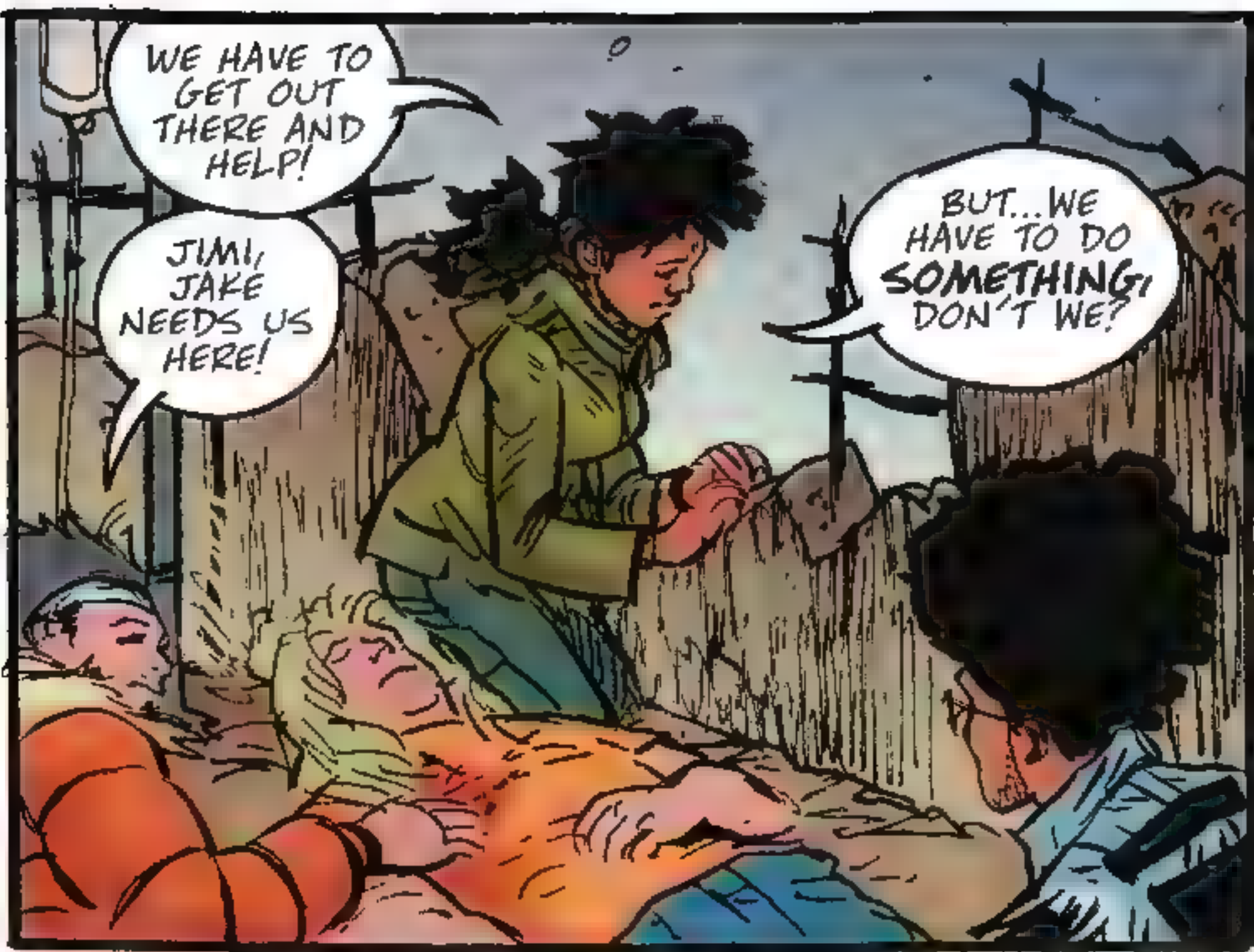
THEY'RE
HERE!

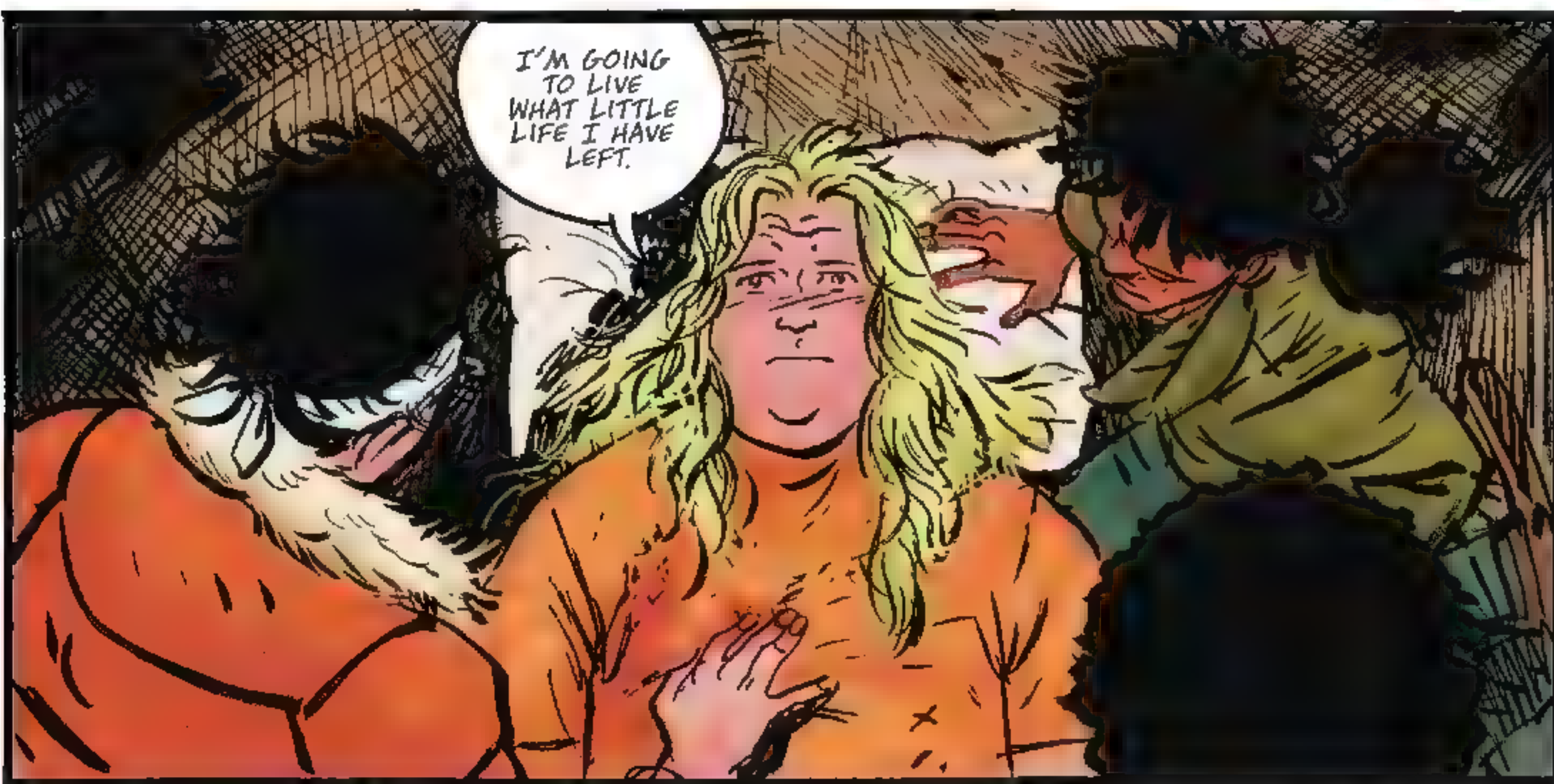
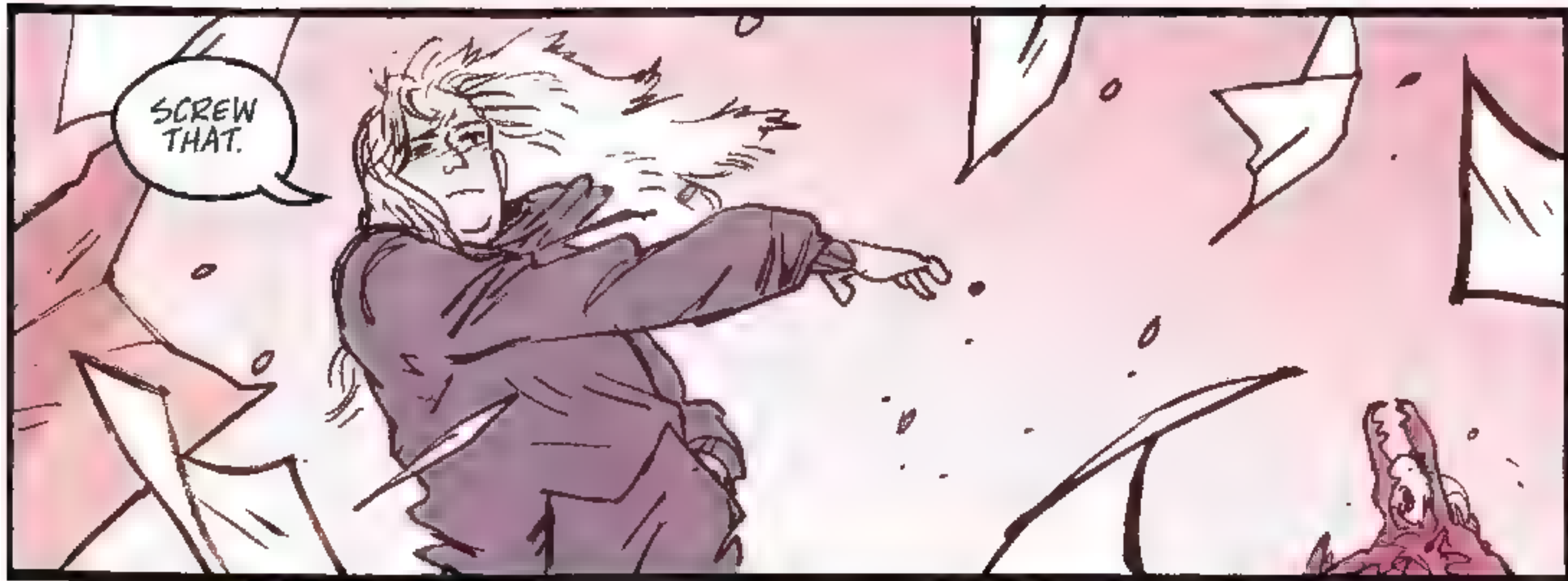
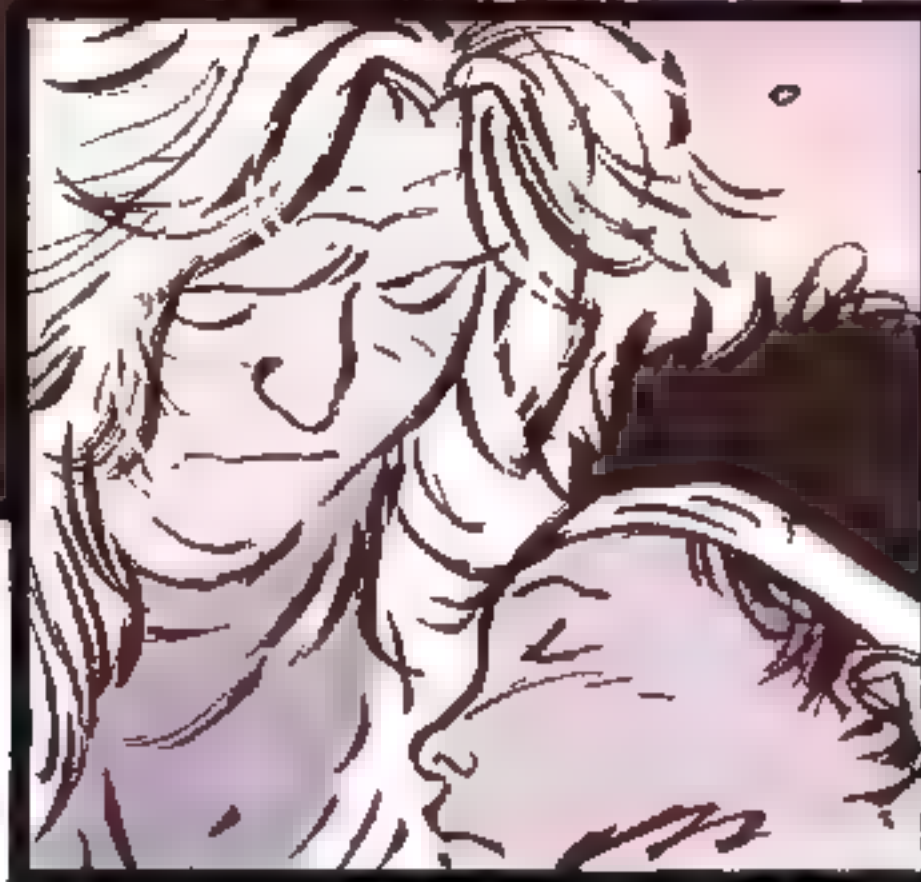
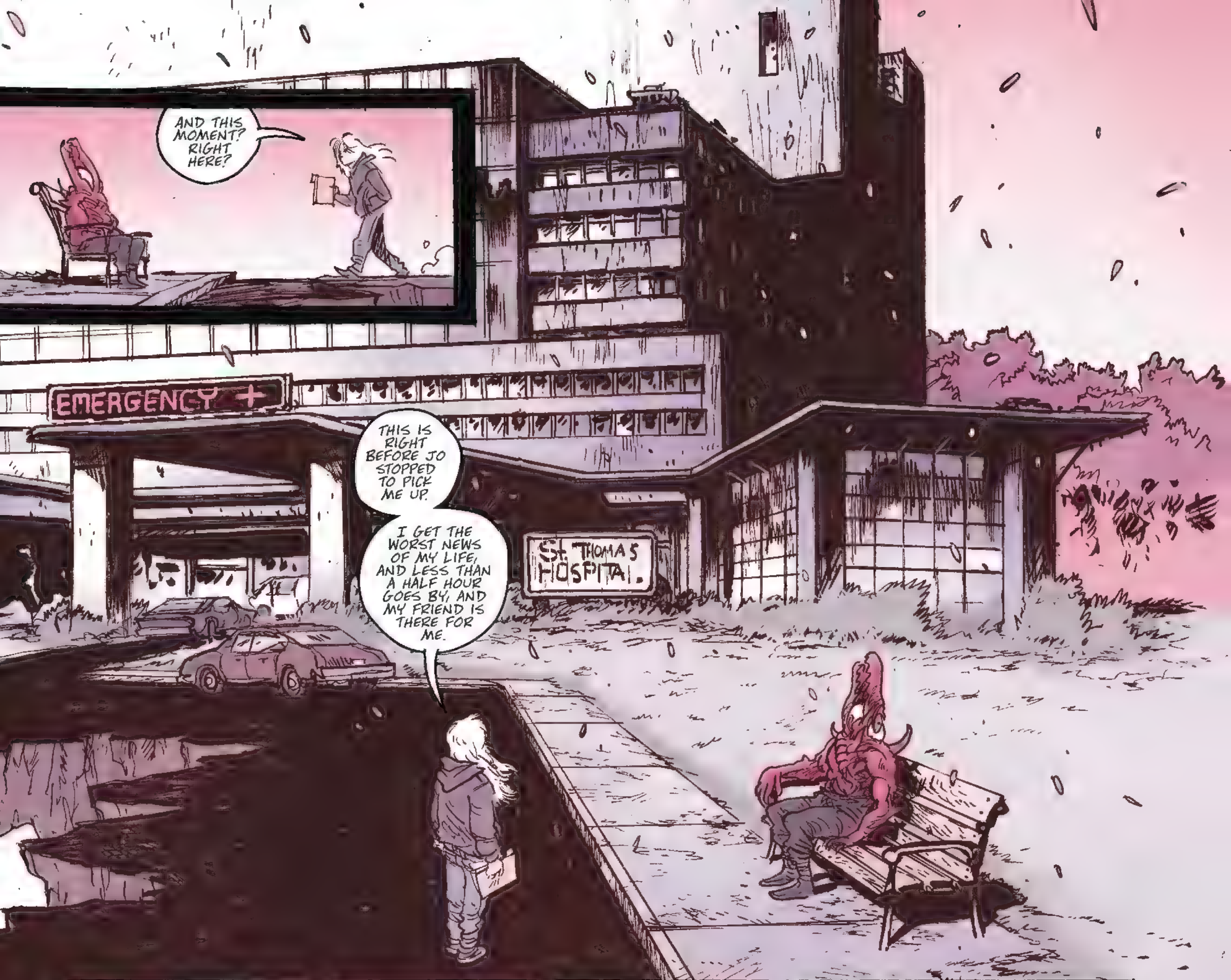


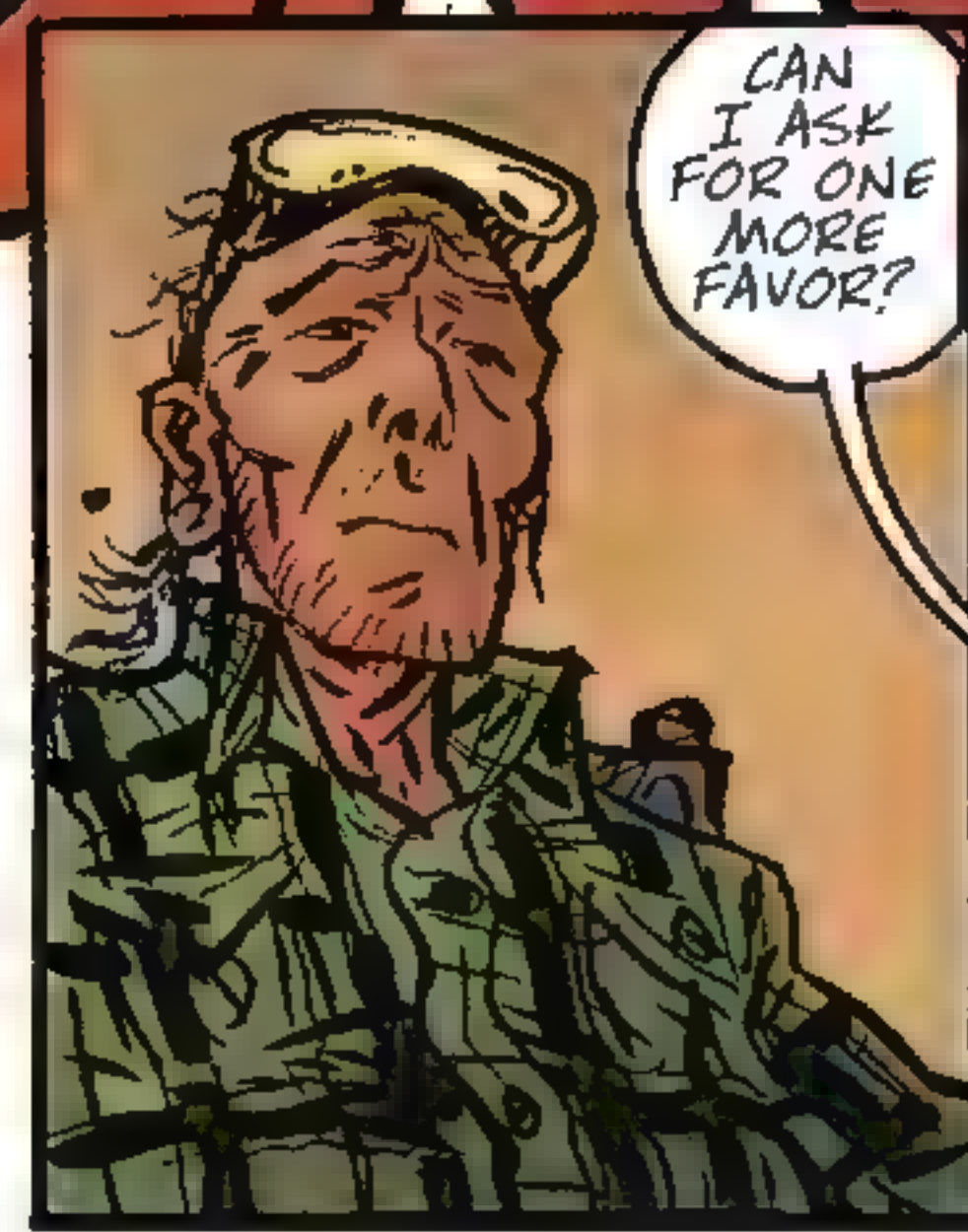
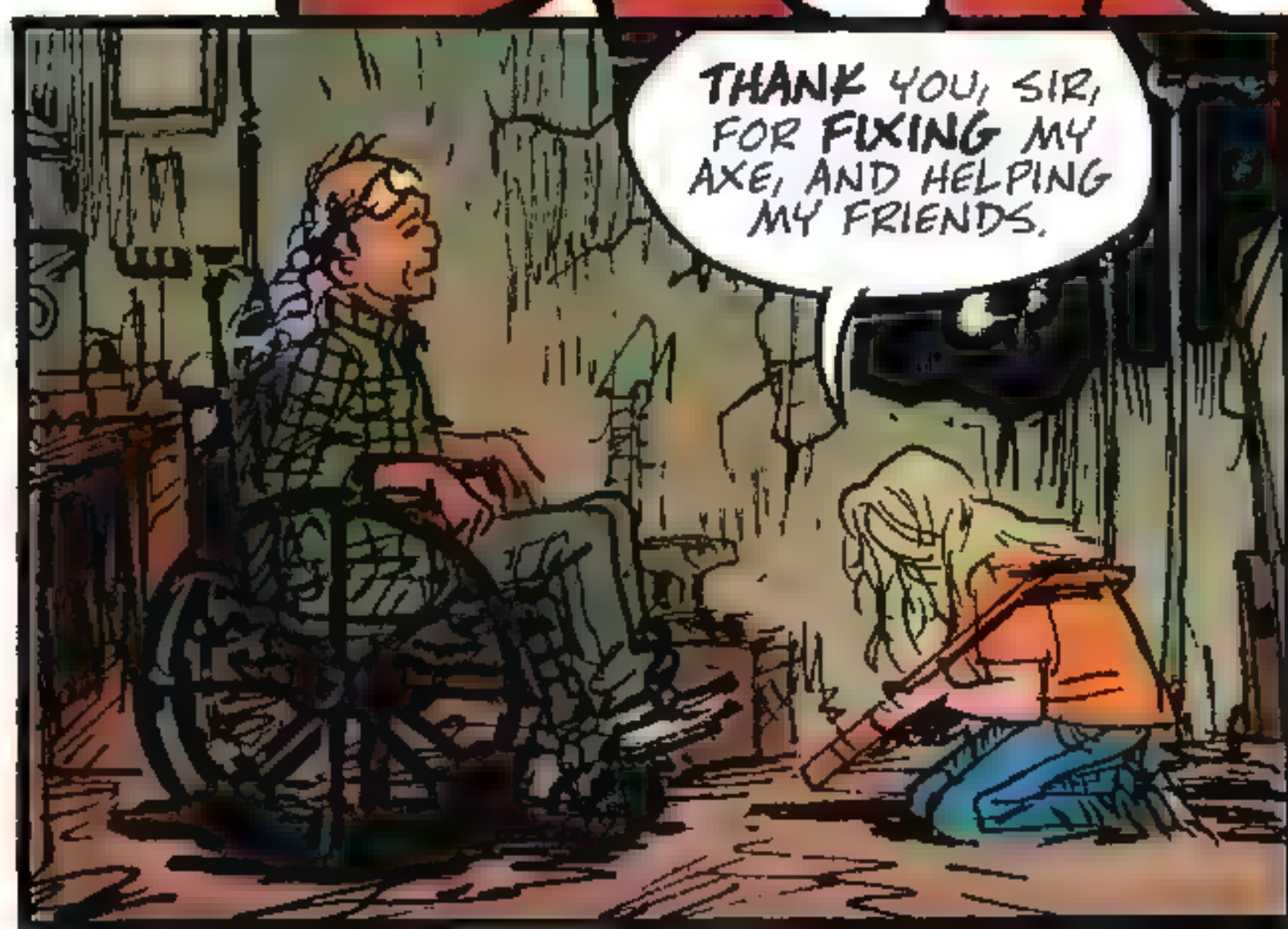
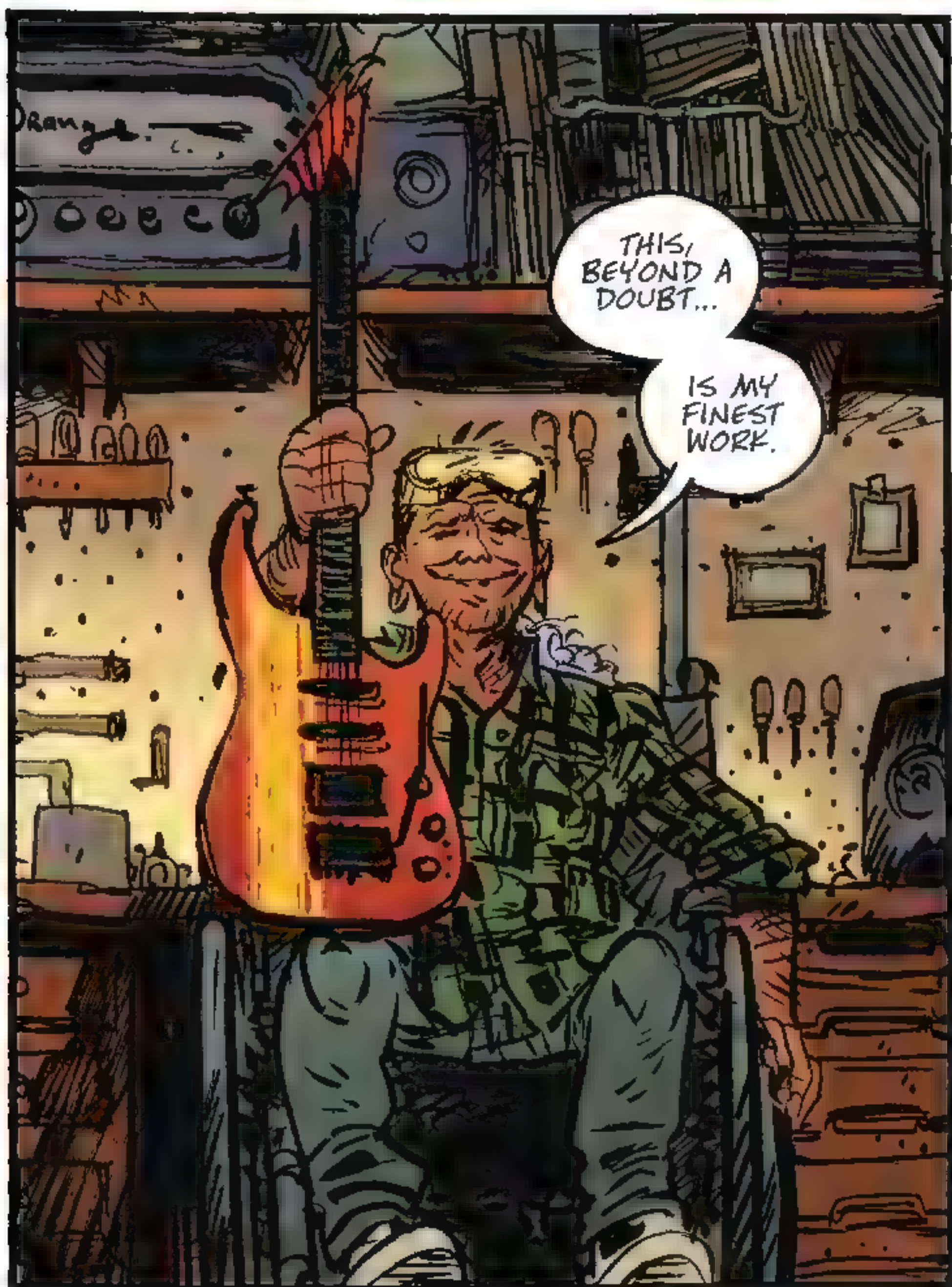
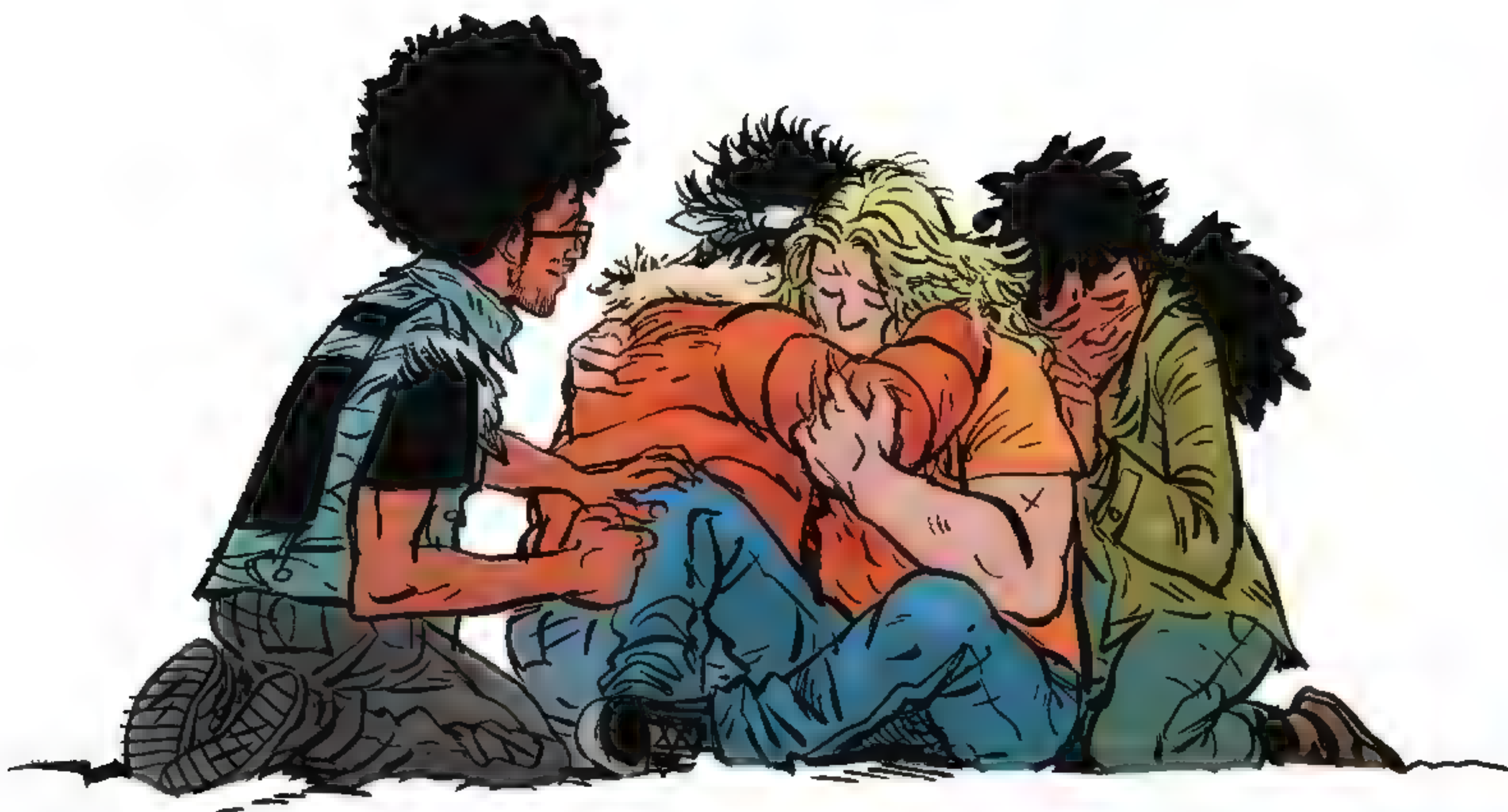
TOGETHER
NOW.

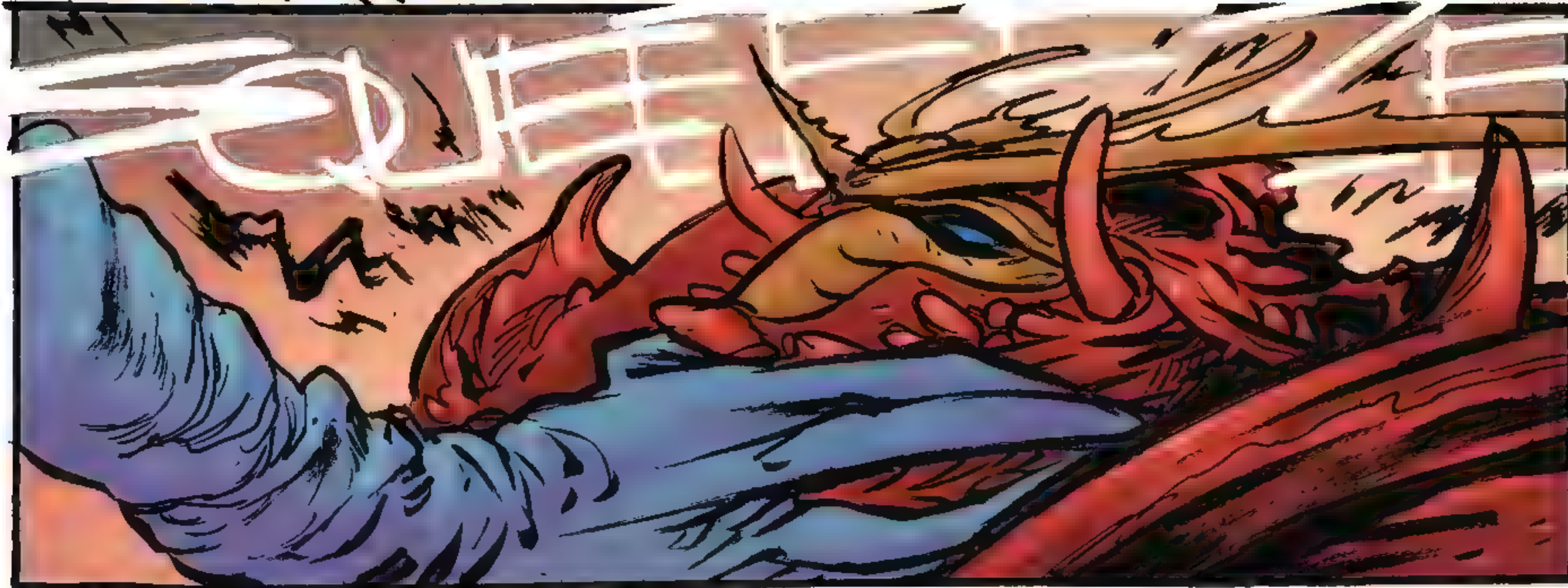
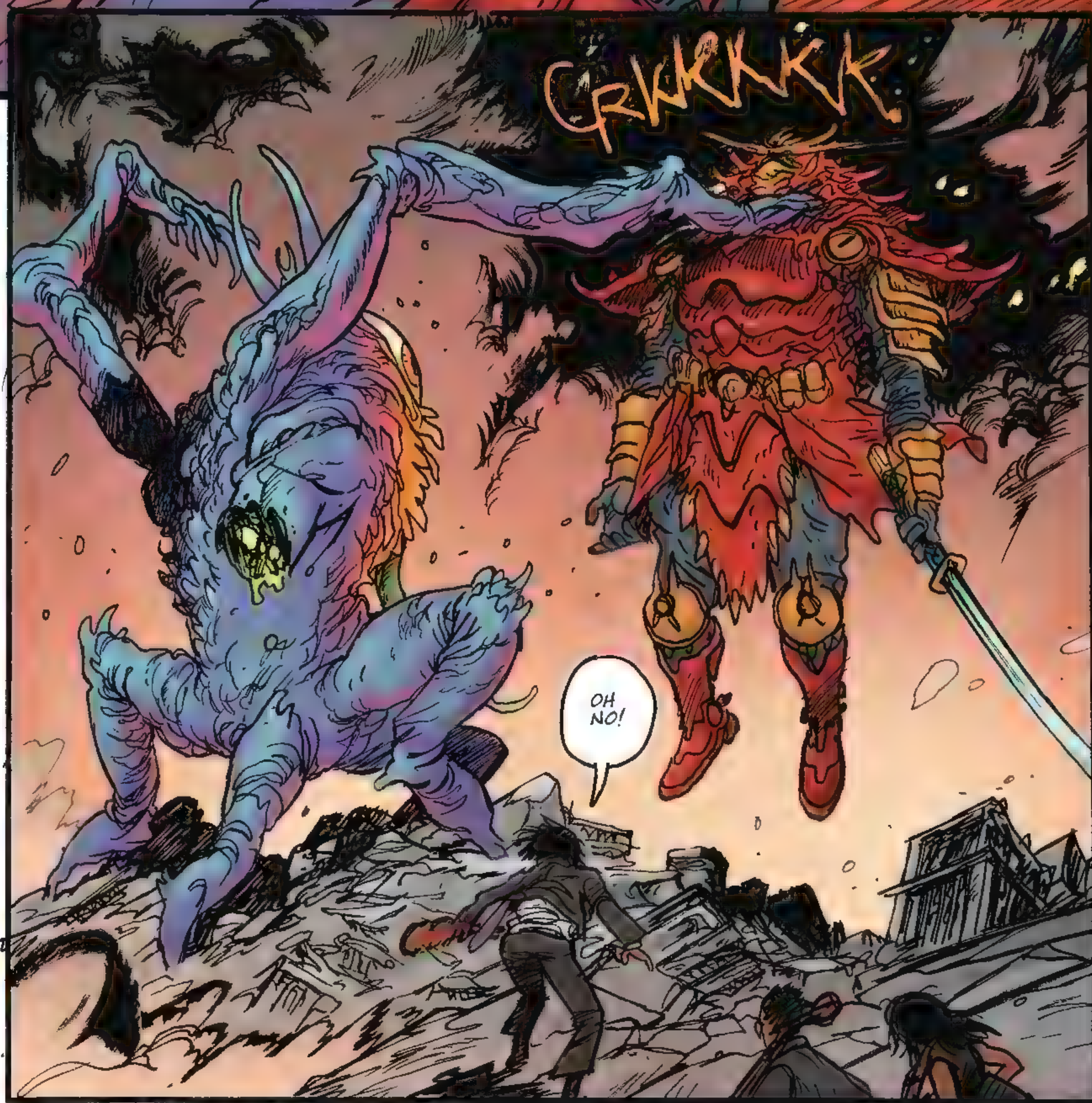
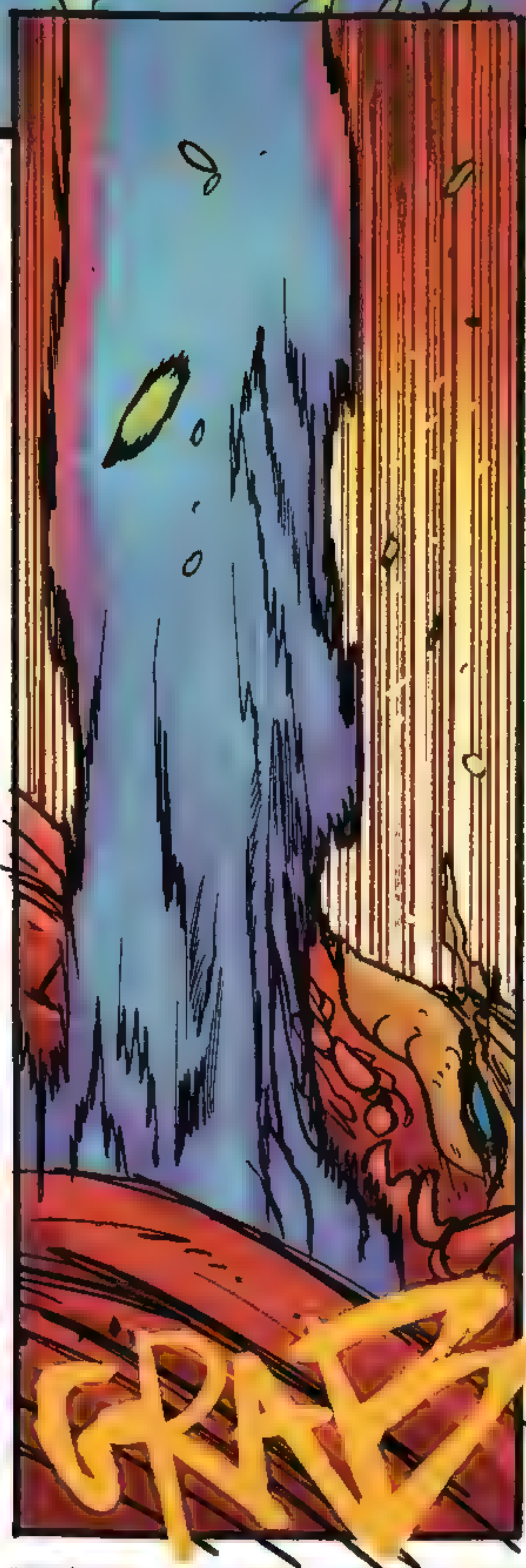


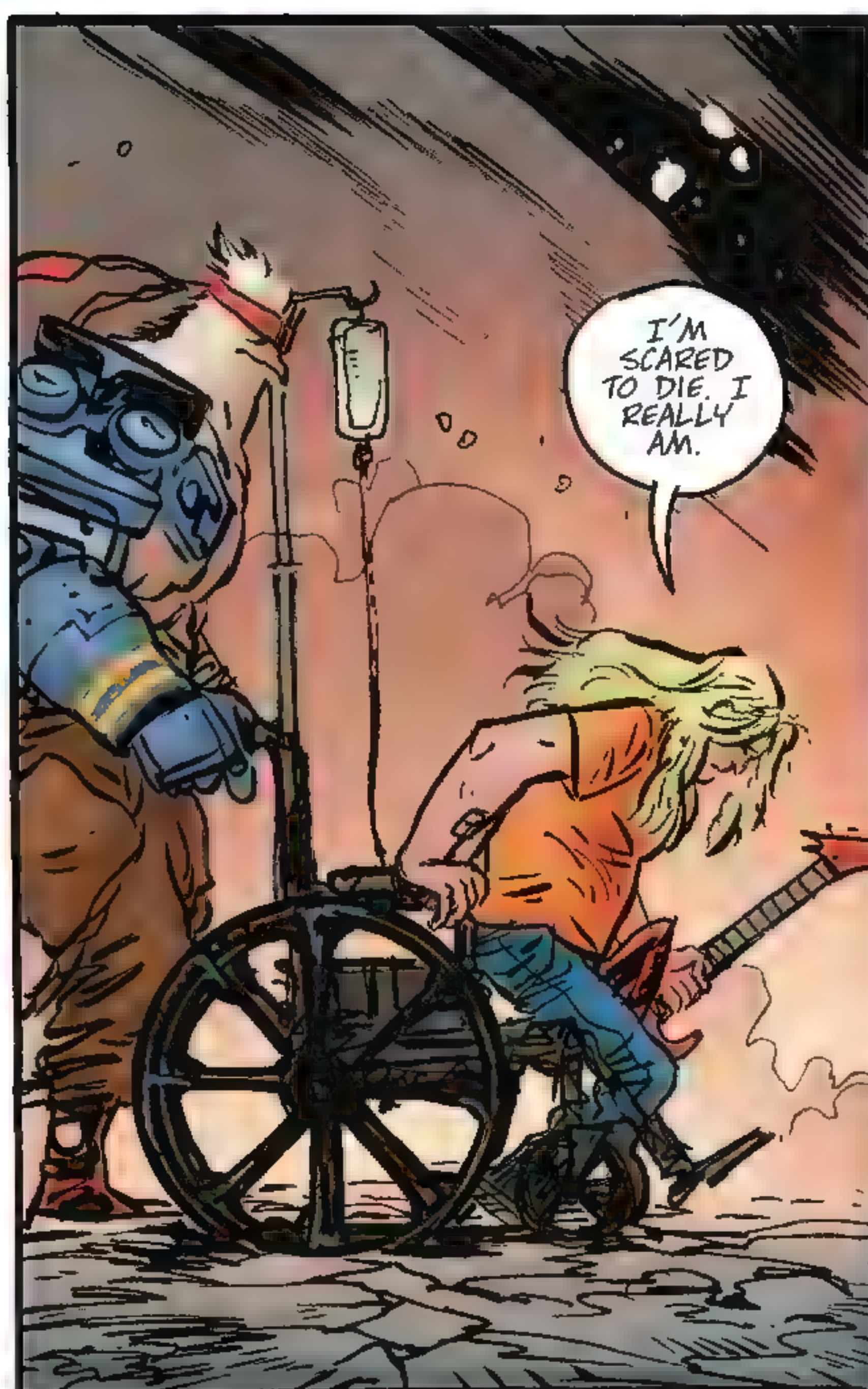
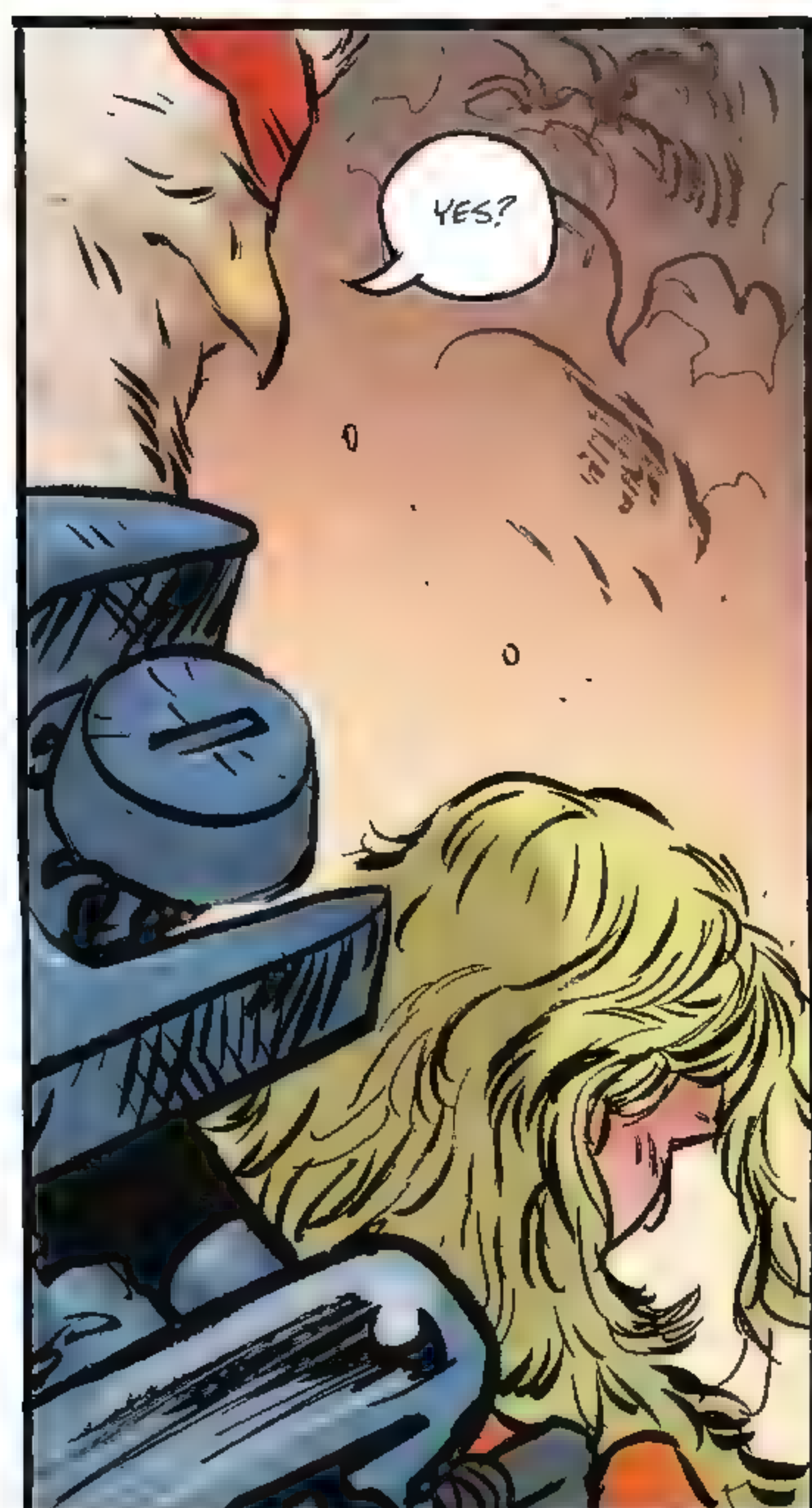
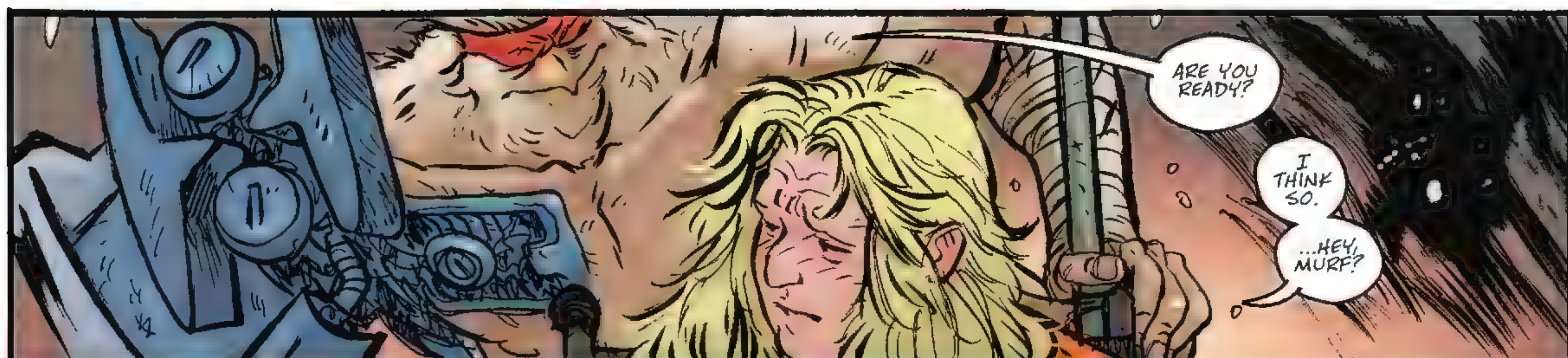
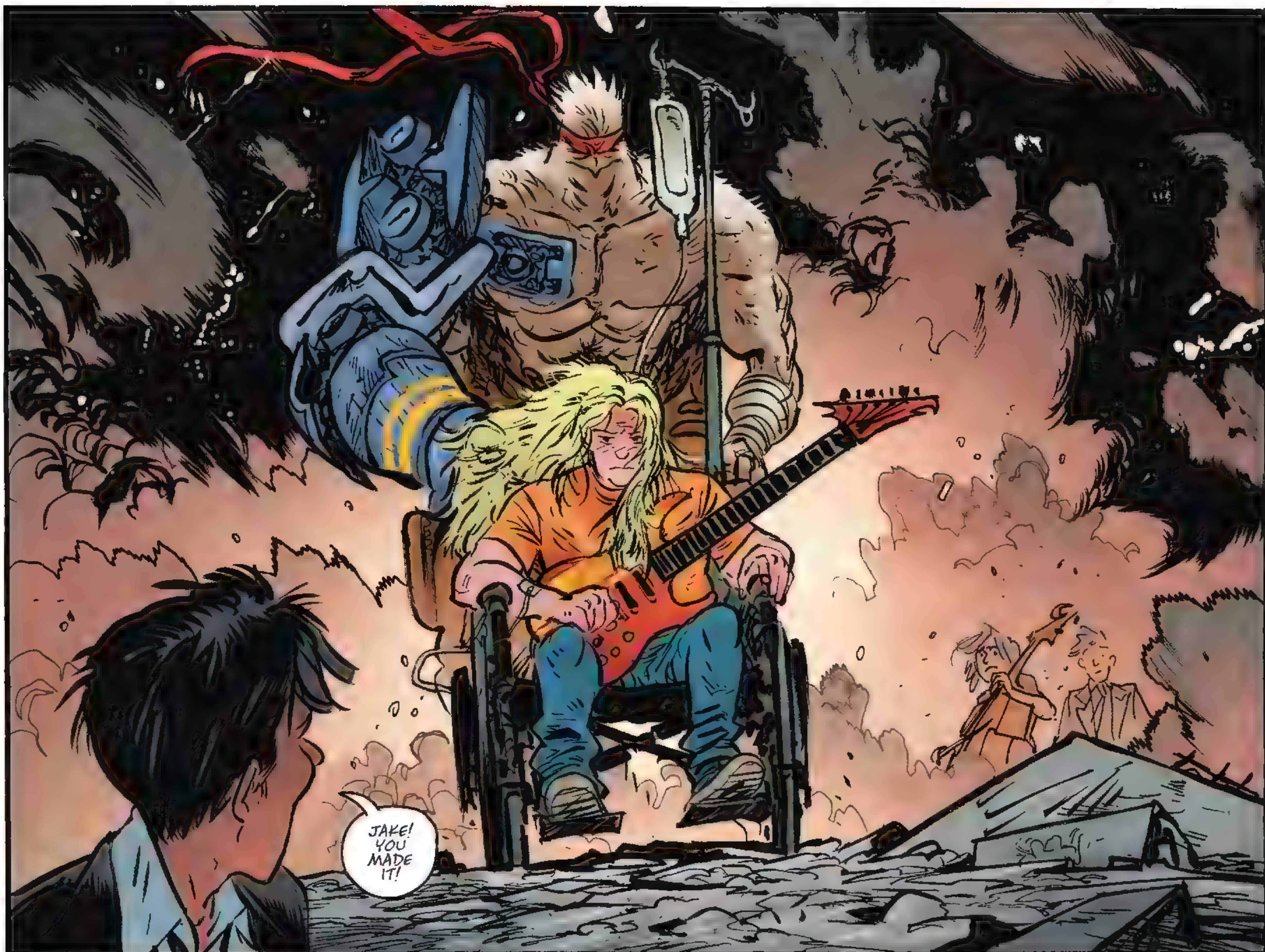
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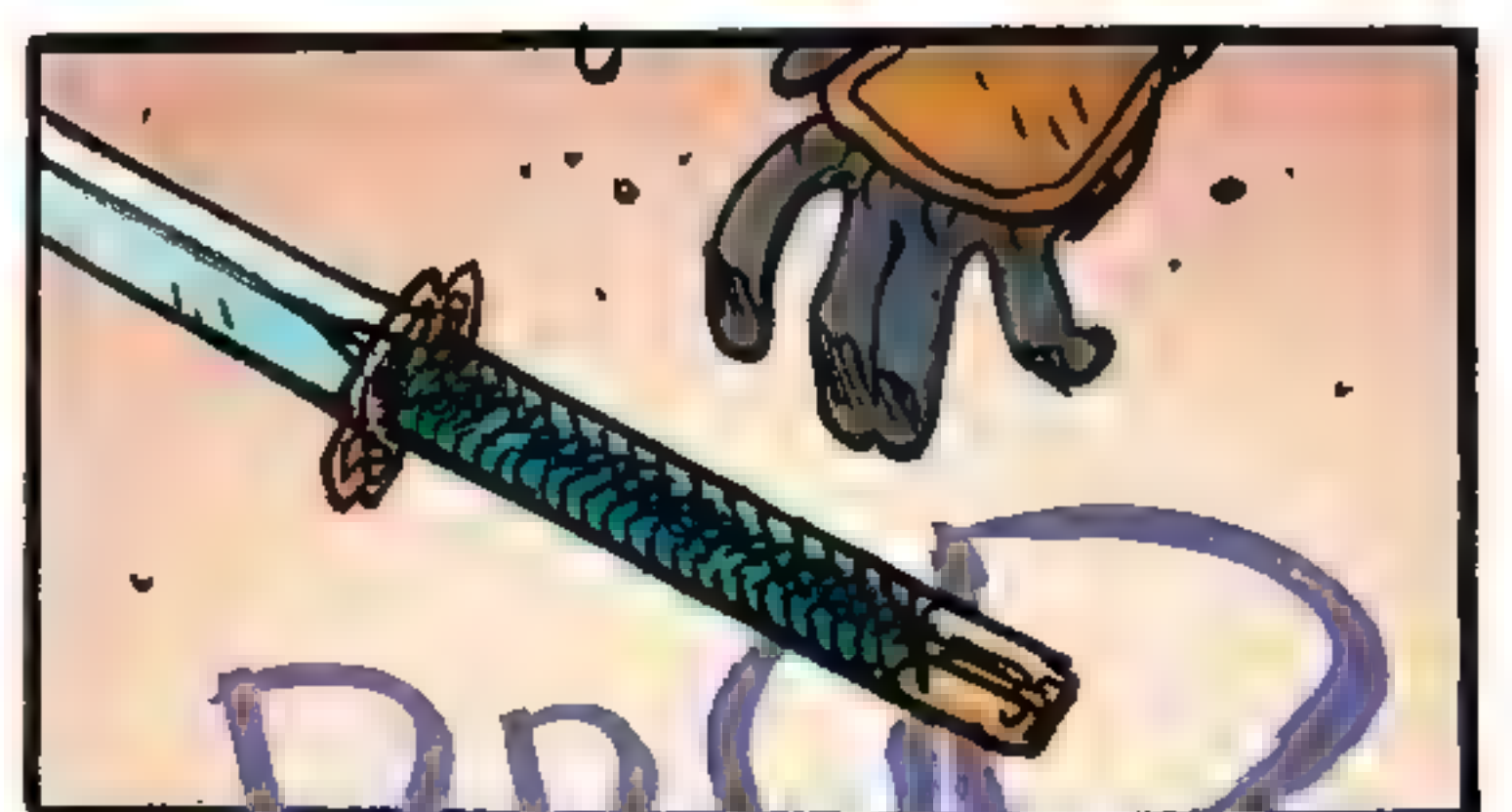
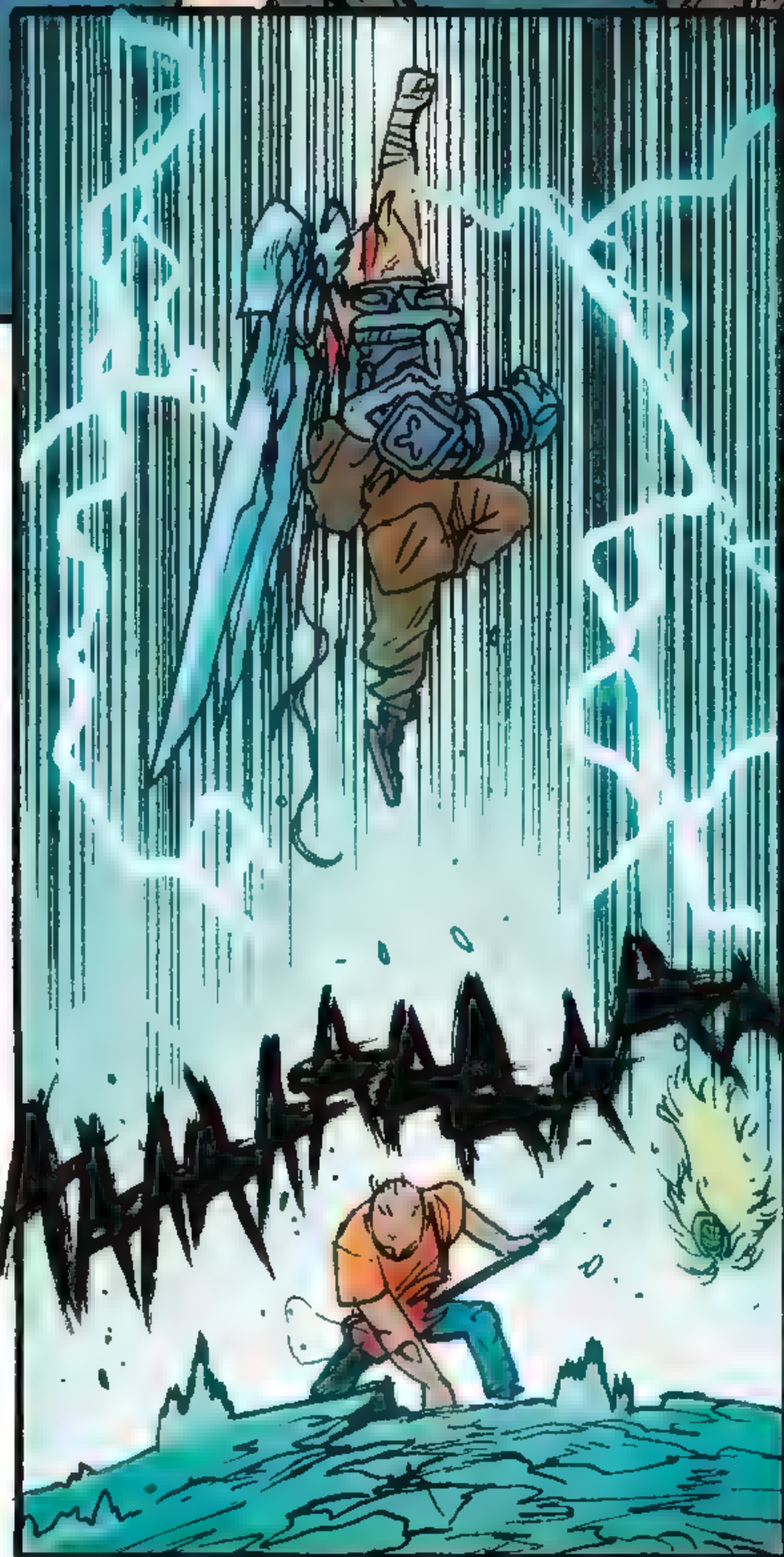




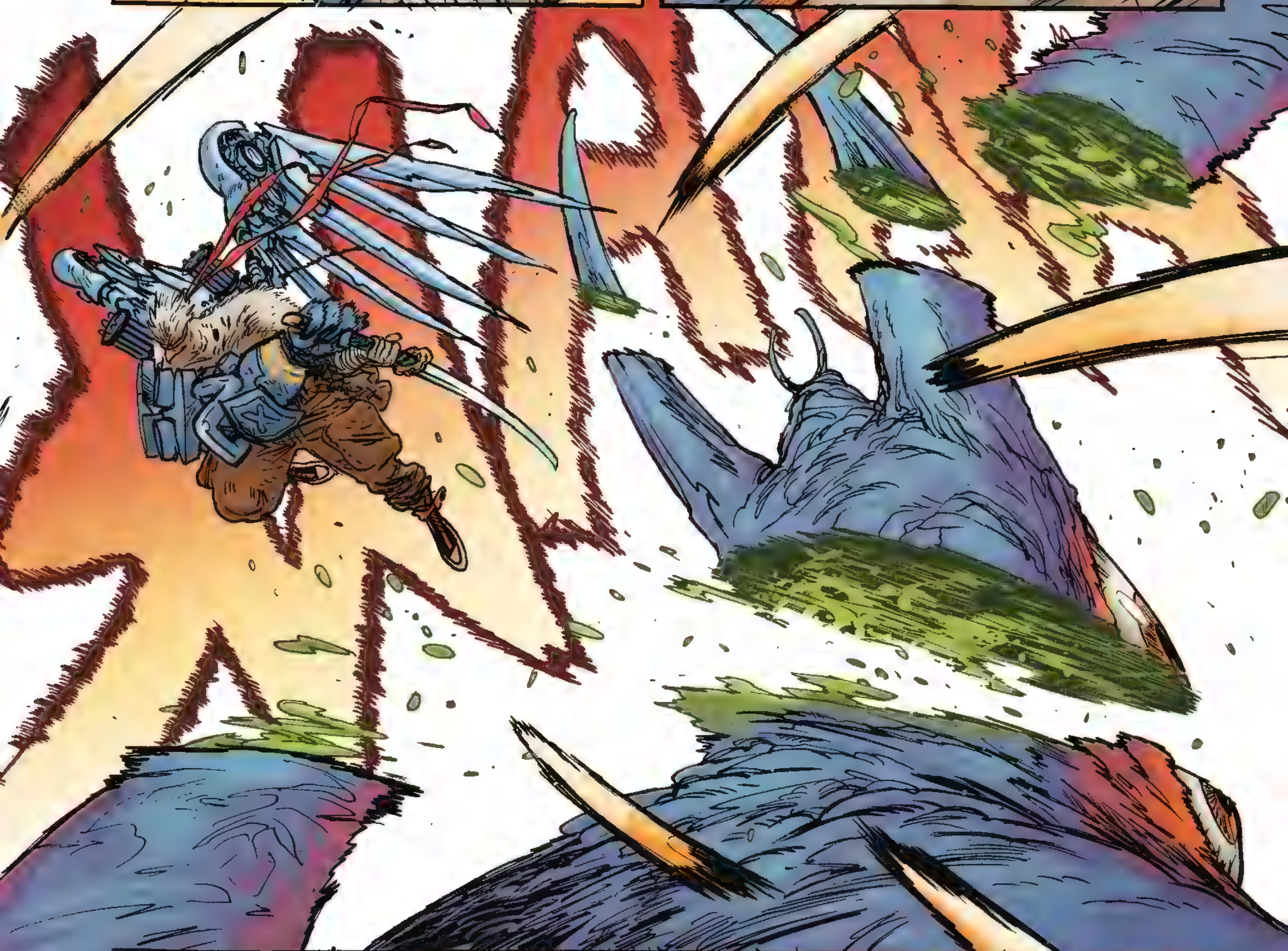
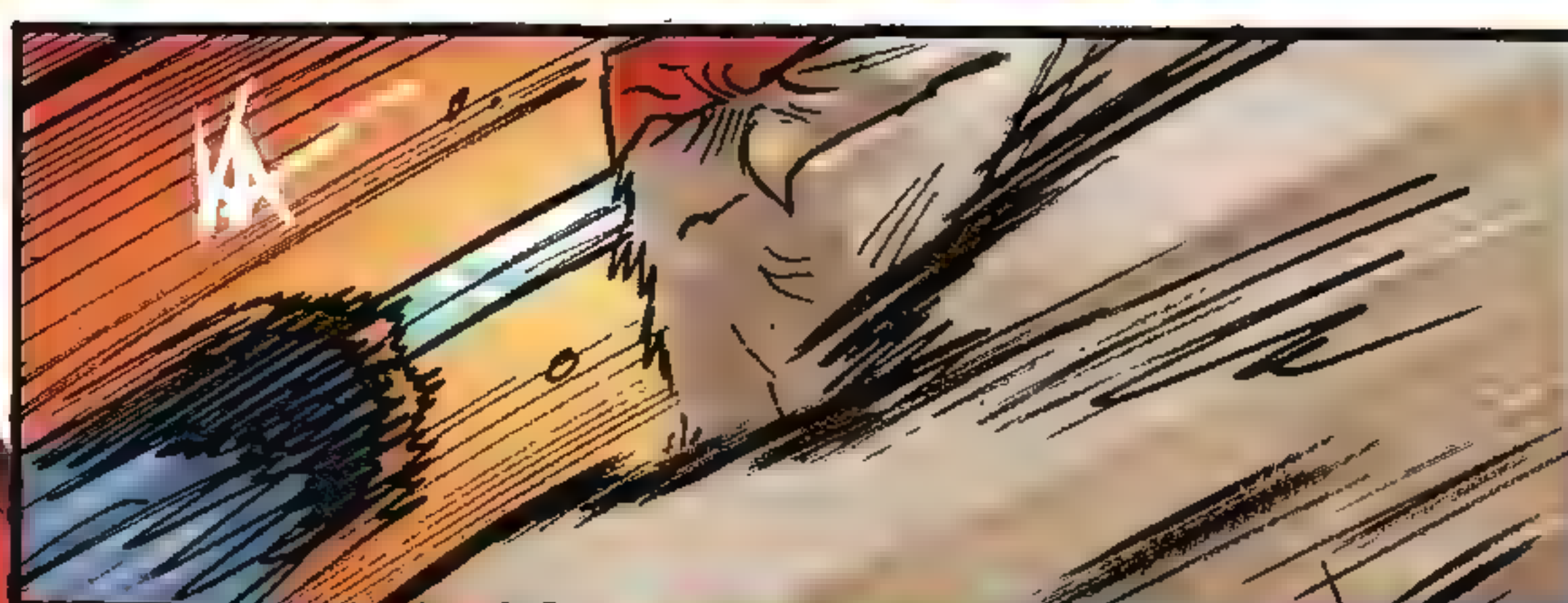
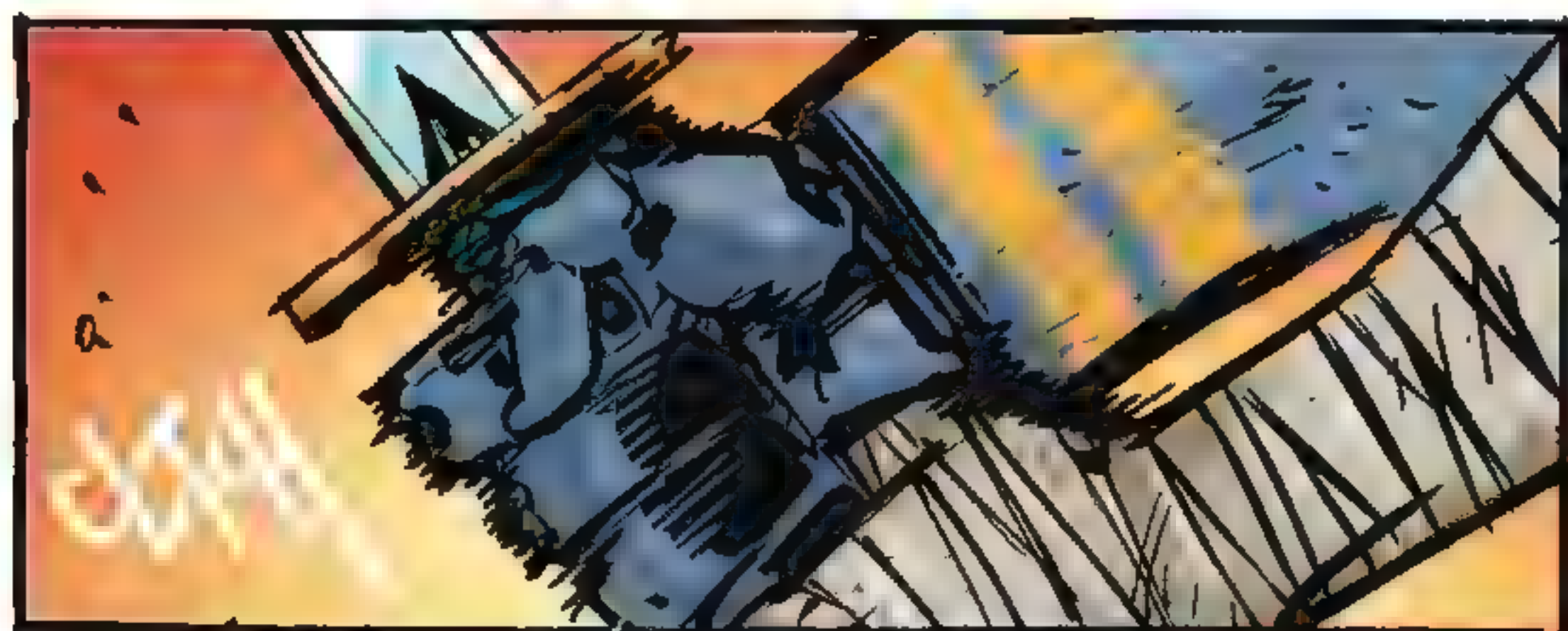




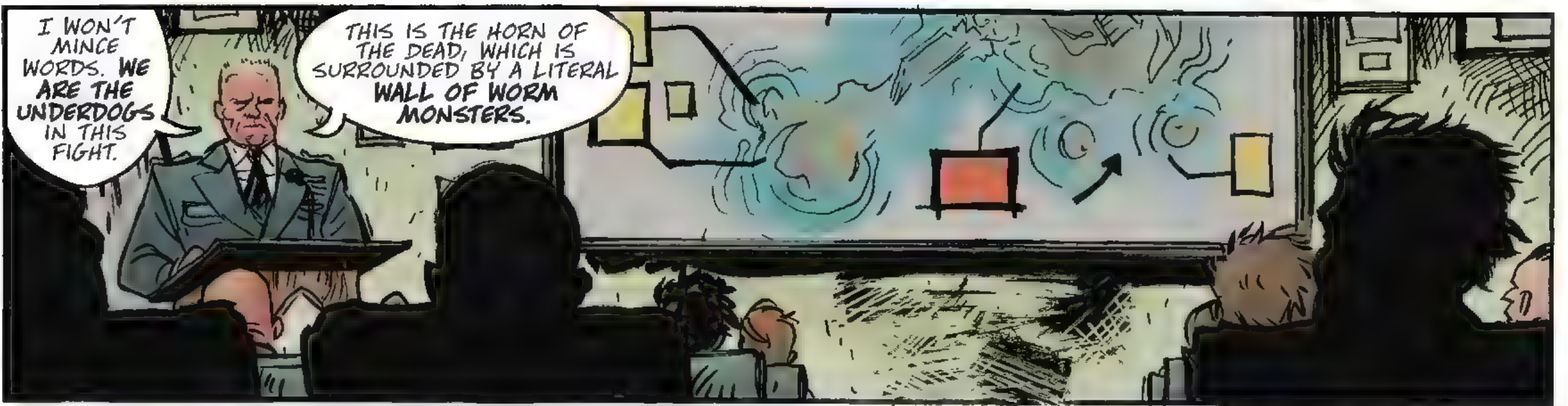




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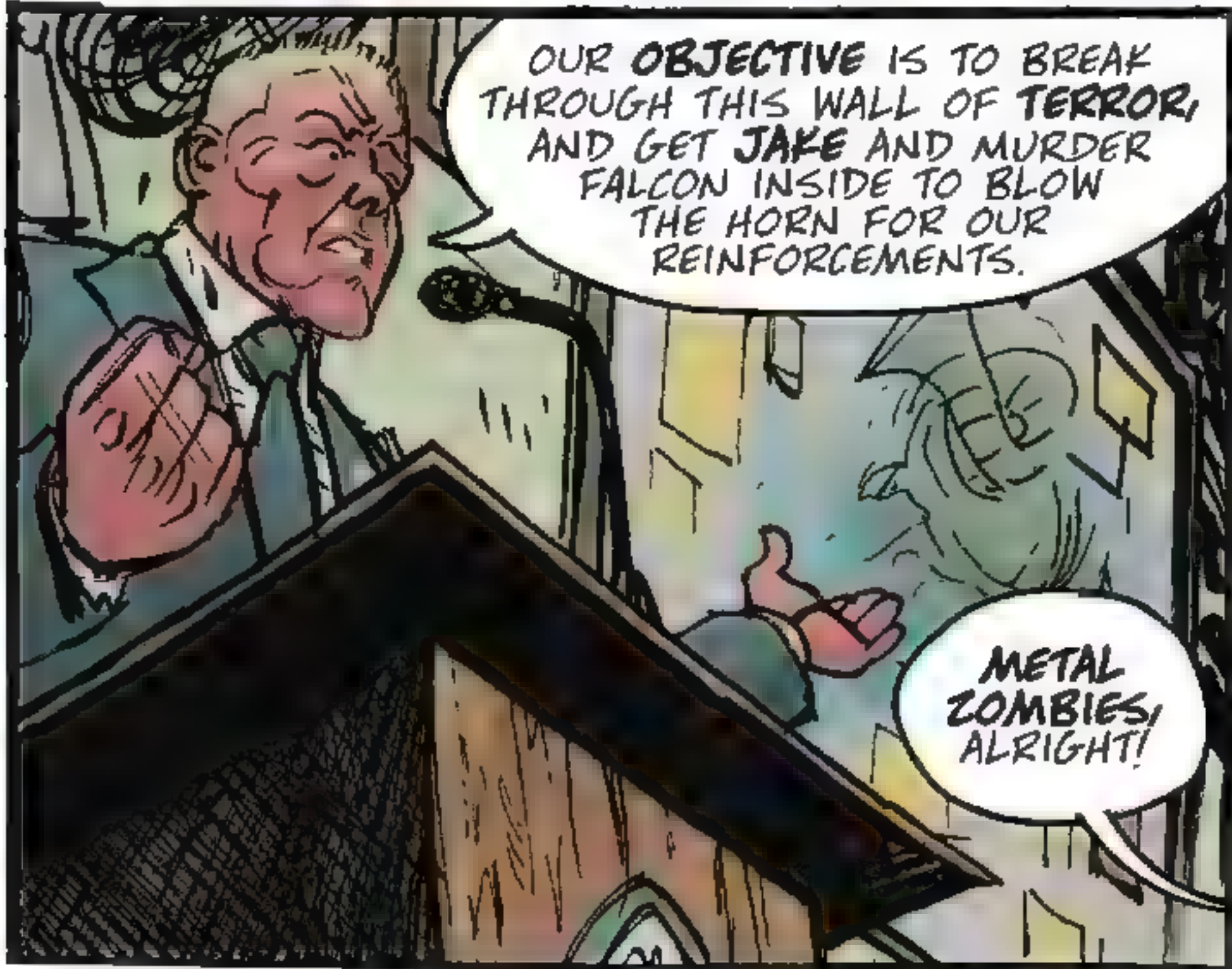






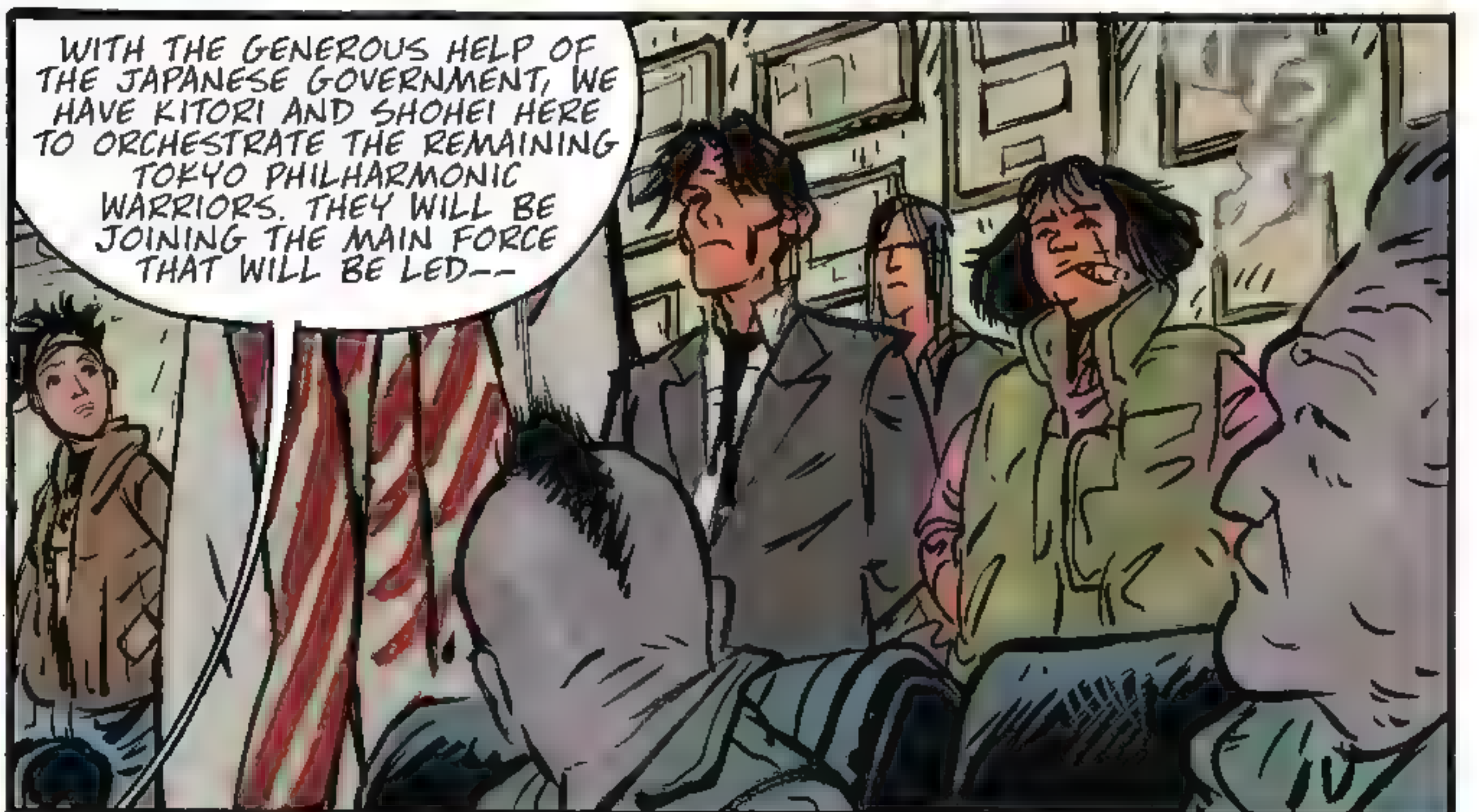
I WON'T MINCE WORDS. WE ARE THE UNDERDOGS IN THIS FIGHT.

THIS IS THE HORN OF THE DEAD, WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY A LITERAL WALL OF WORM MONSTERS.



OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO BREAK THROUGH THIS WALL OF TERROR, AND GET JAKE AND MURDER FALCON INSIDE TO BLOW THE HORN FOR OUR REINFORCEMENTS.

METAL ZOMBIES! ALRIGHT!



WITH THE GENEROUS HELP OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE KITORI AND SHOHEI HERE TO ORCHESTRATE THE REMAINING TOKYO PHILHARMONIC WARRIORS. THEY WILL BE JOINING THE MAIN FORCE THAT WILL BE LED--



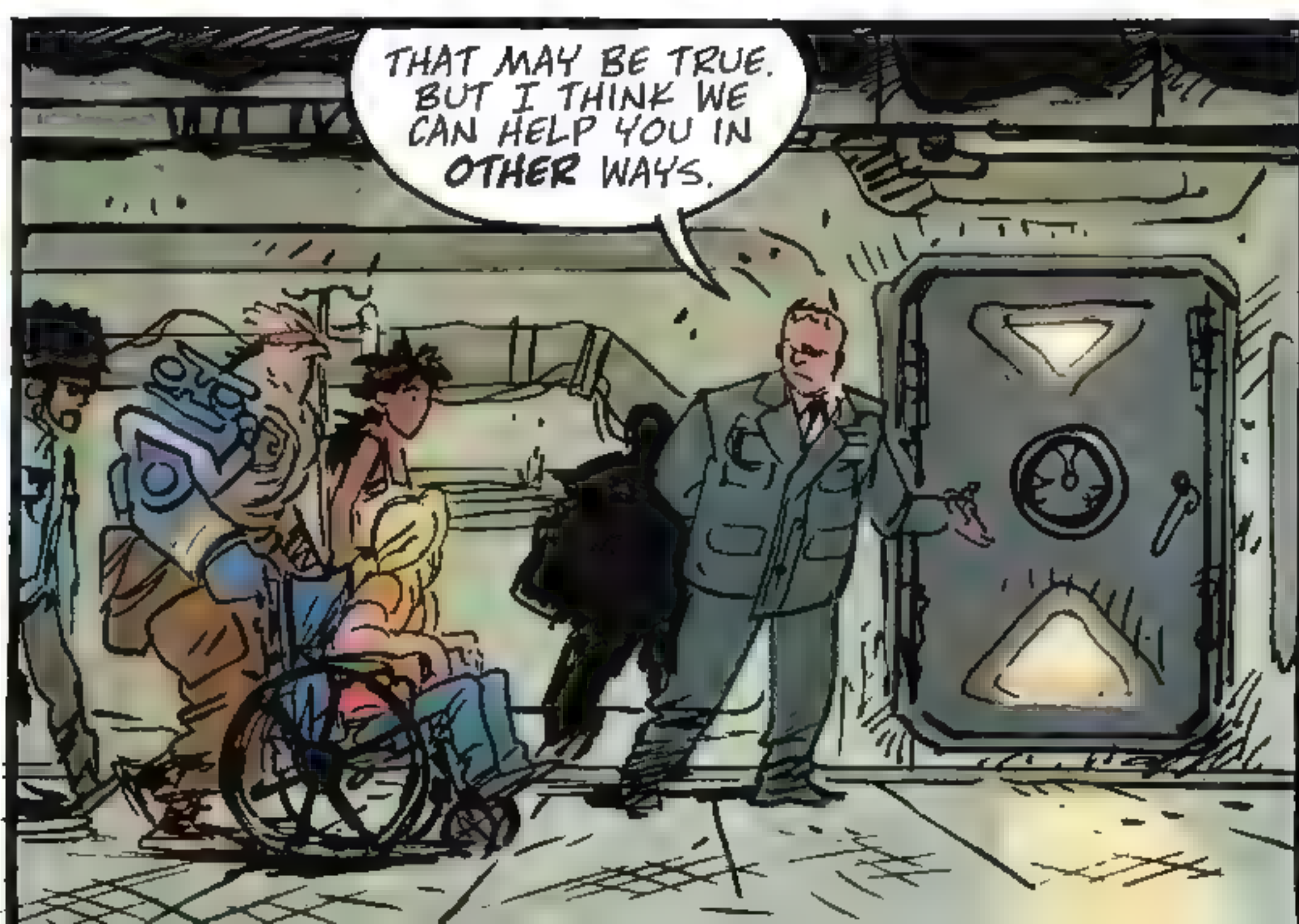
BY THE METAL BAND, BROOTICUS.

HELLO, FEARLESS PILOTS!

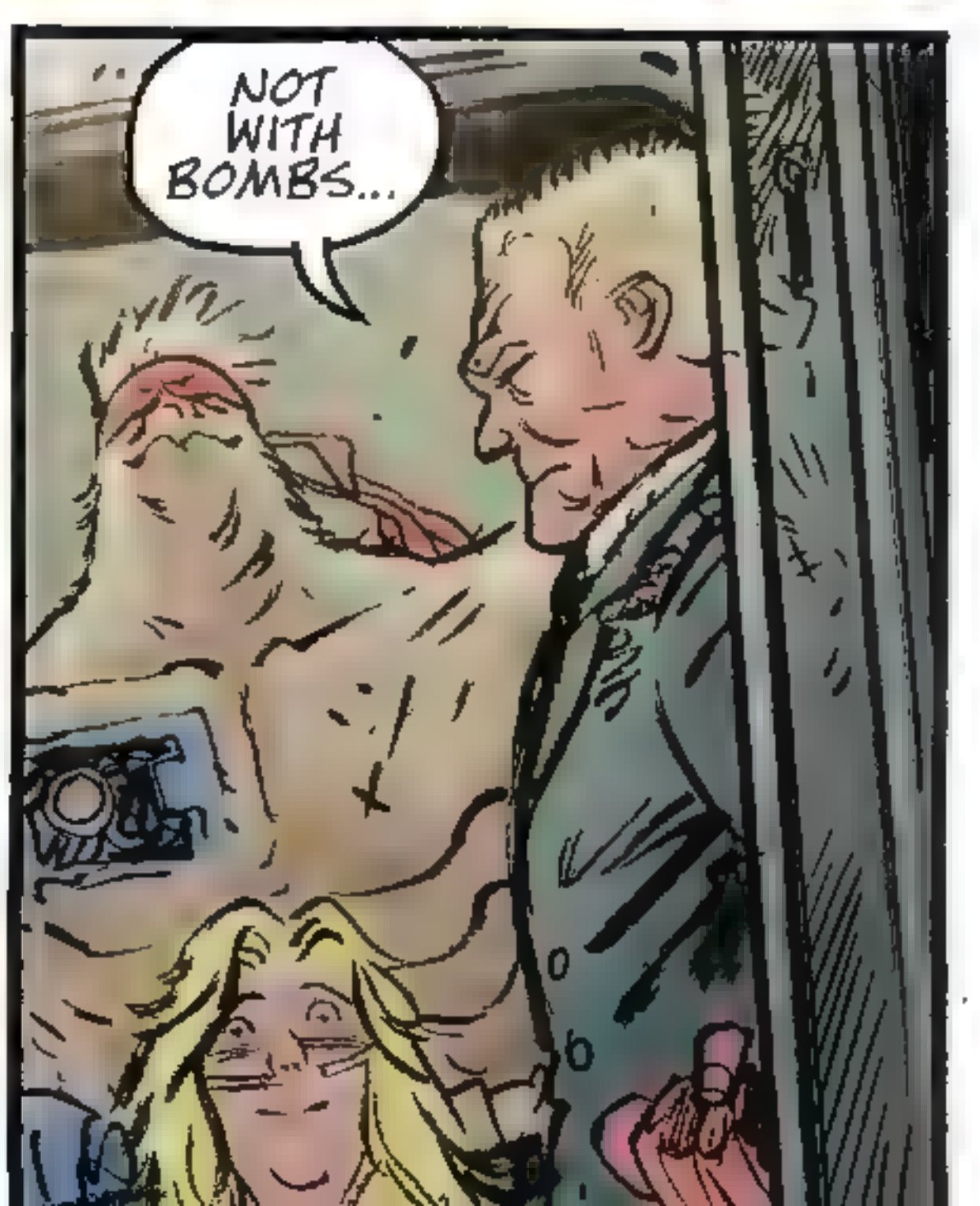


THEIR TACTICS ARE SOMEHOW WORKING BETTER THAN OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART WEAPONRY.

THAT'S BECAUSE WEAPONS OF WAR HAVE NO COMPARISON TO THE POWER OF METAL.

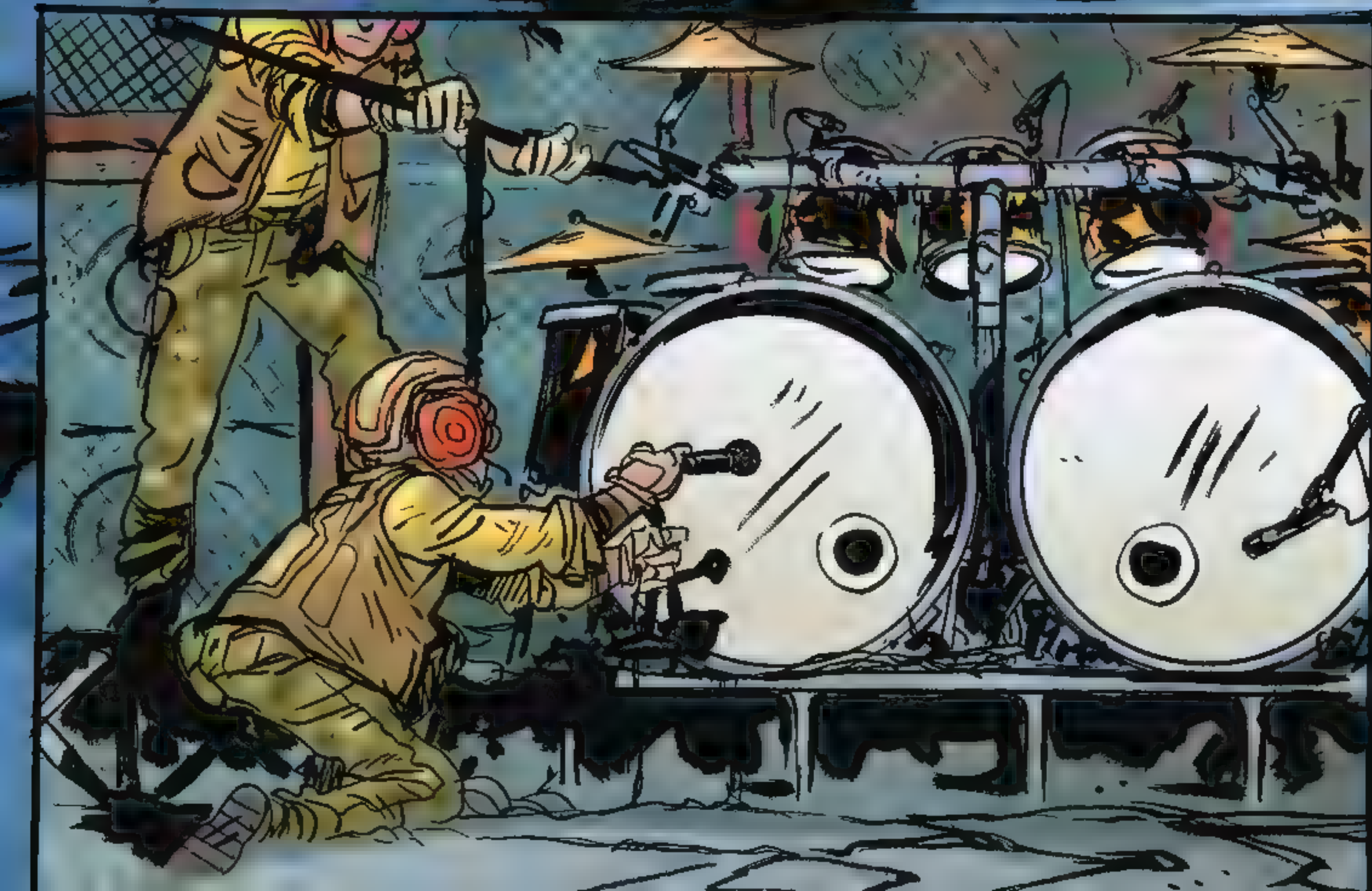


THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT I THINK WE CAN HELP YOU IN OTHER WAYS.



NOT WITH BOMBS...

BUT WITH
AMPLIFICATION.



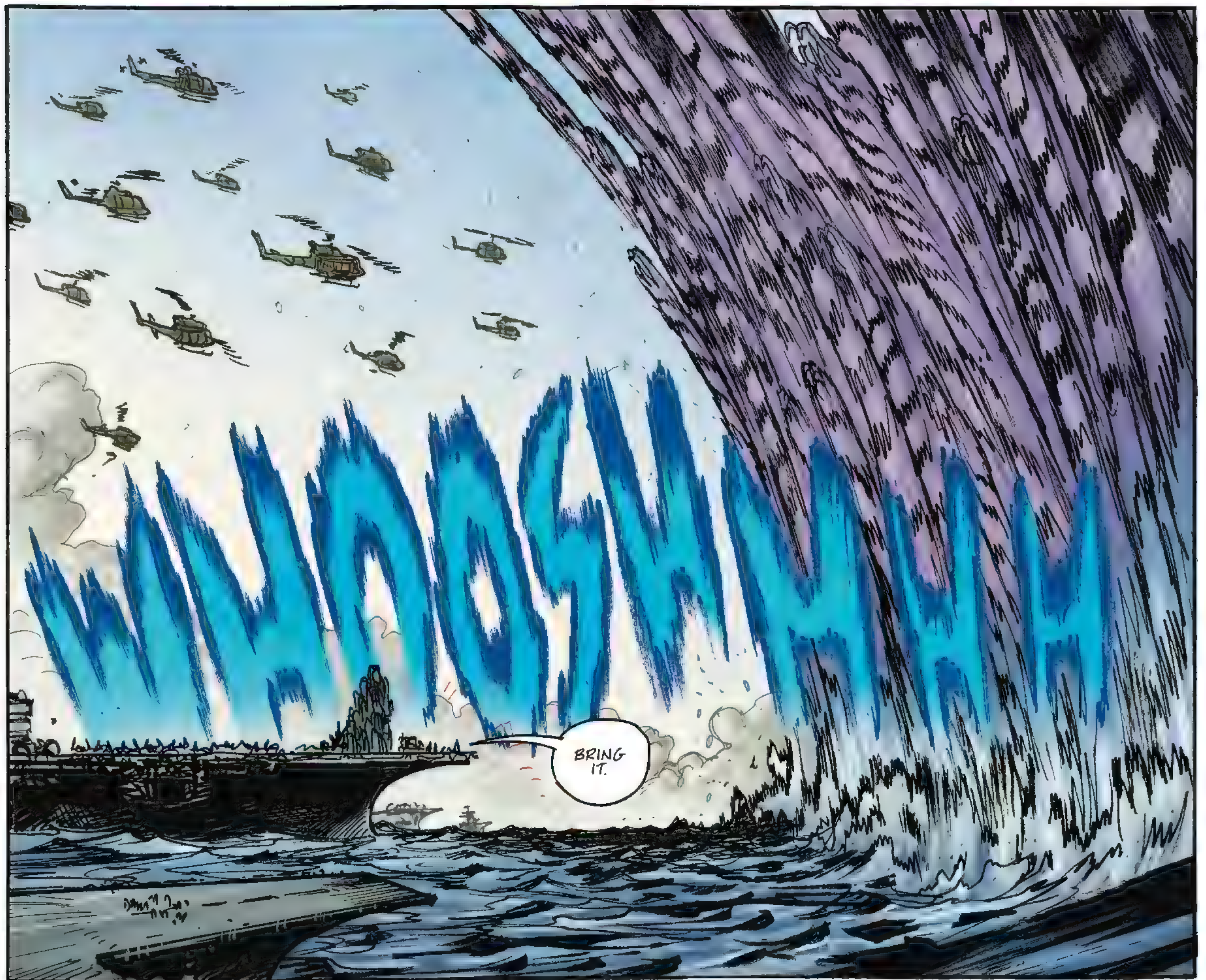


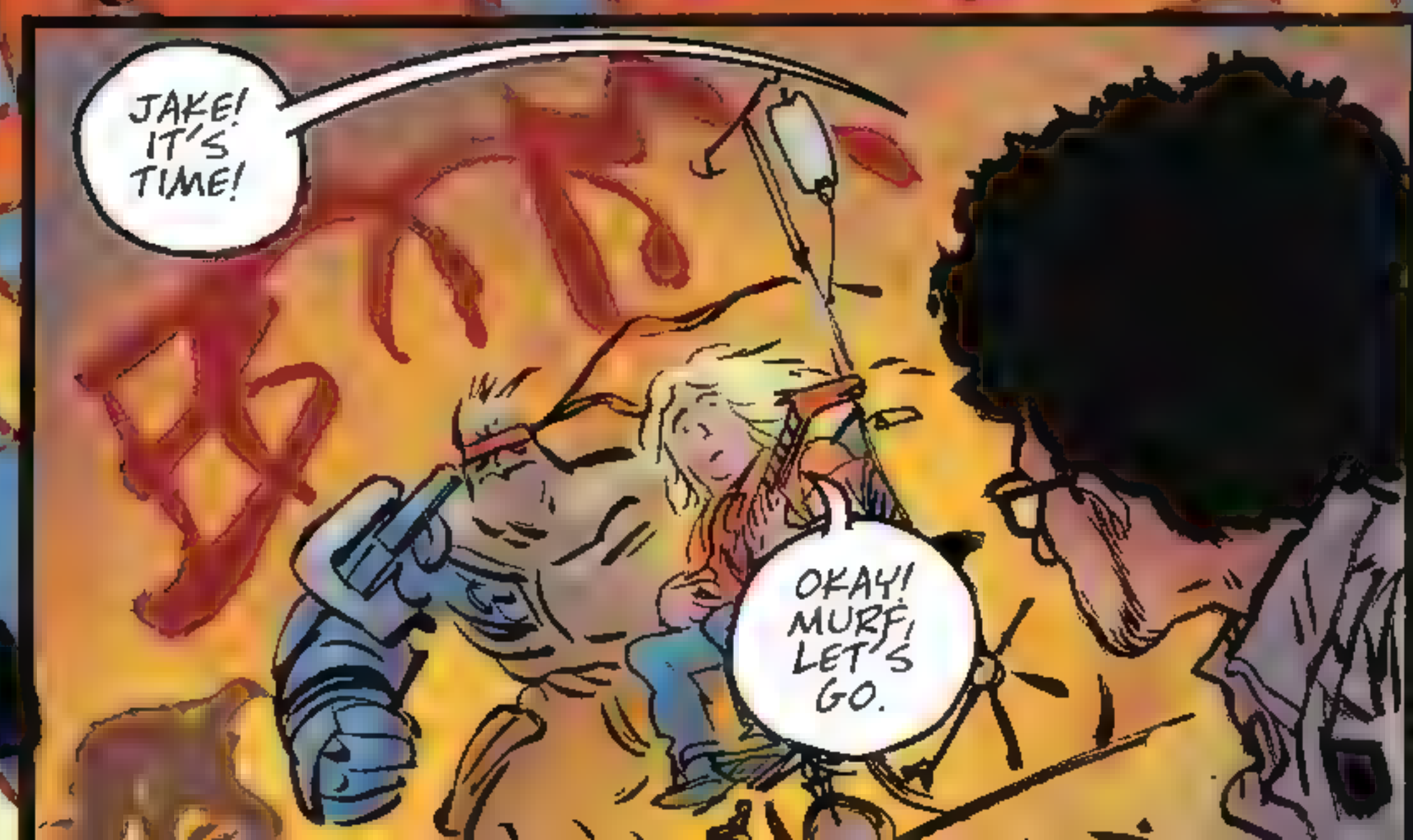
THIS IS RATT 1,
LIFTING OFF! ALL
BIRDS, FORMATION
DELTA, ON ME!

ROGER
THAT, RATT 1,
MOVING
TOWARDS HORN
OF THE DEAD
NOW.

"LET'S ROCK."

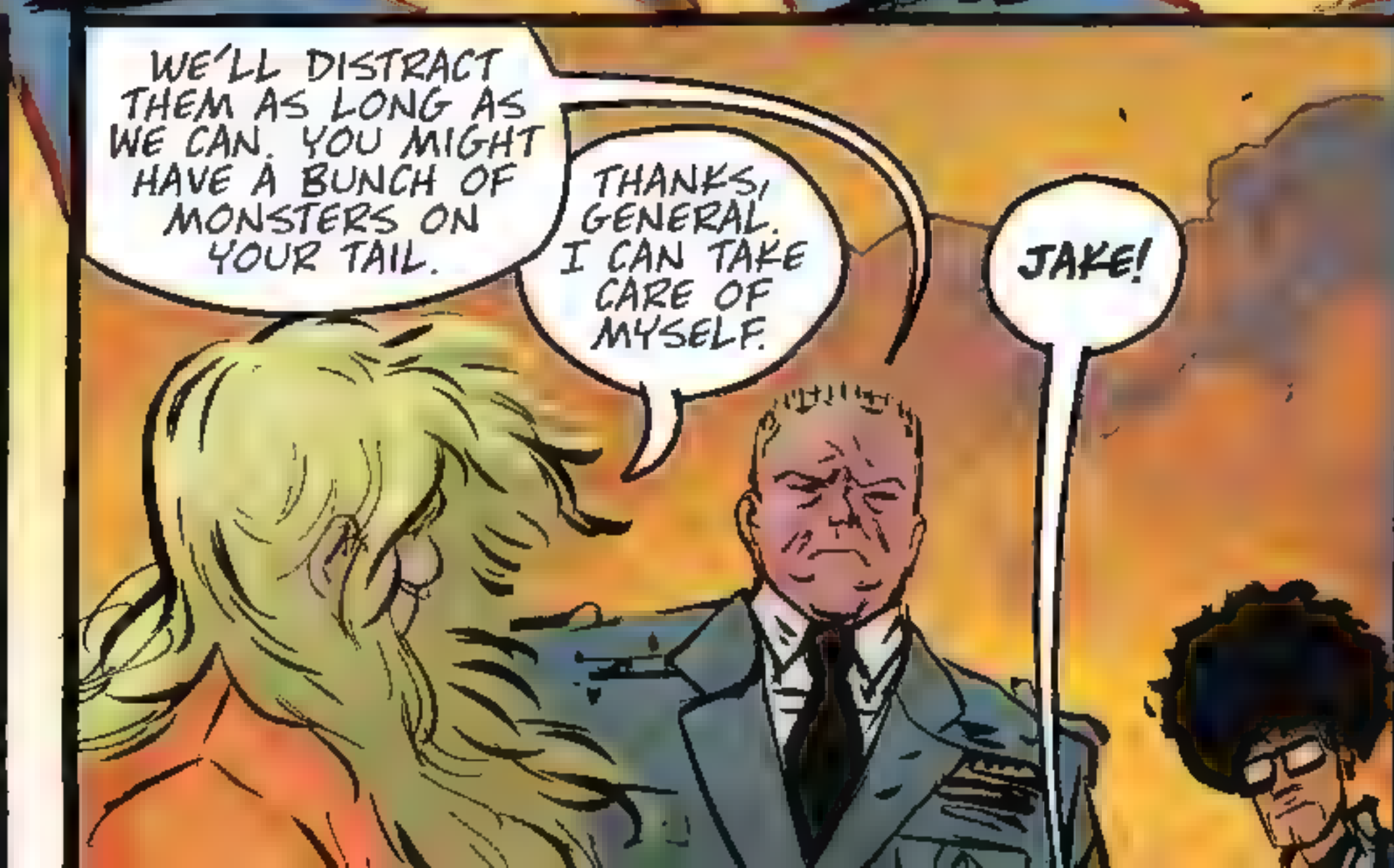
SO, THE
HUMANS HAVE
DECIDED ON A
LAST STAND.





JAKE!
IT'S
TIME!

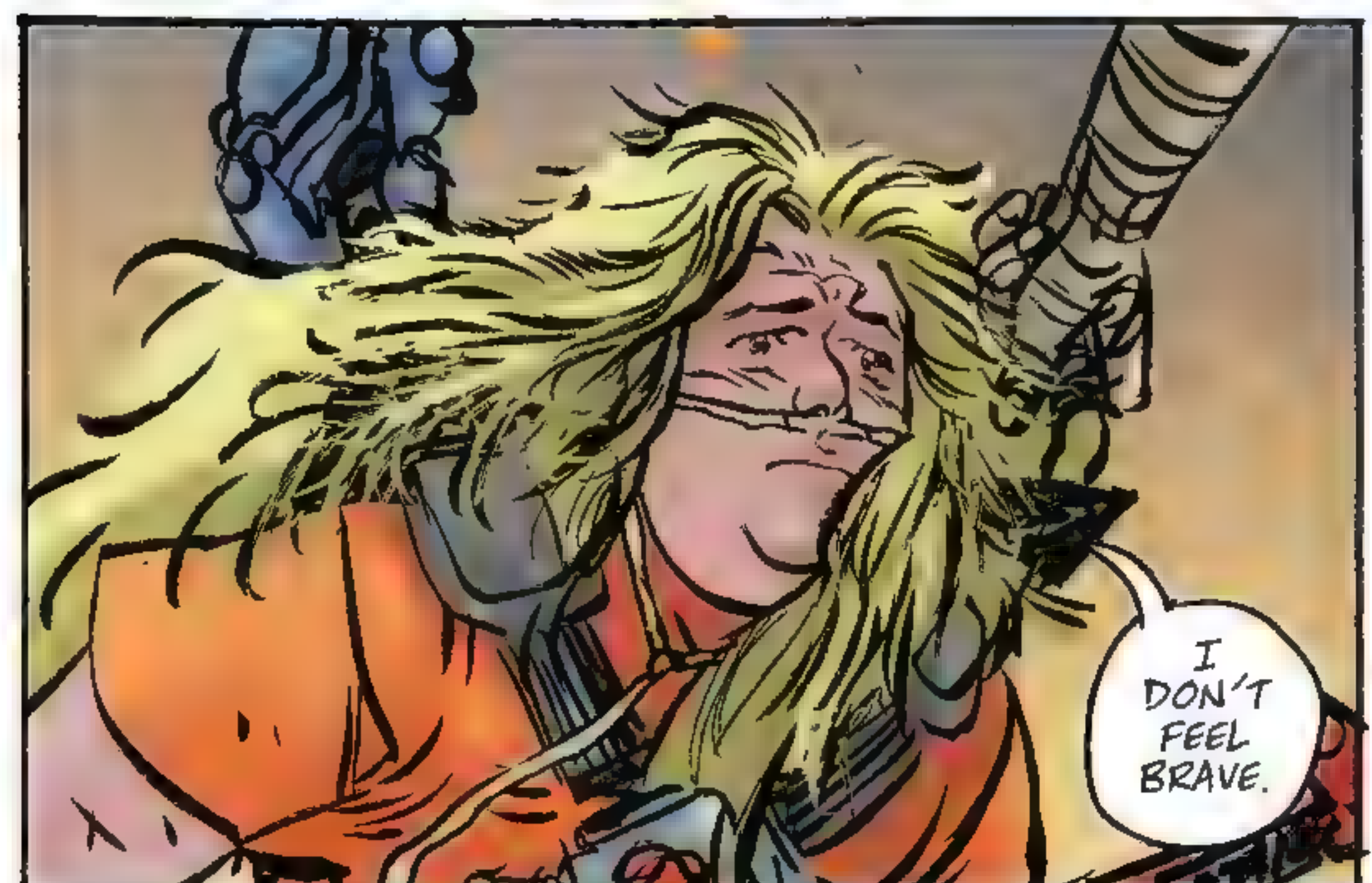
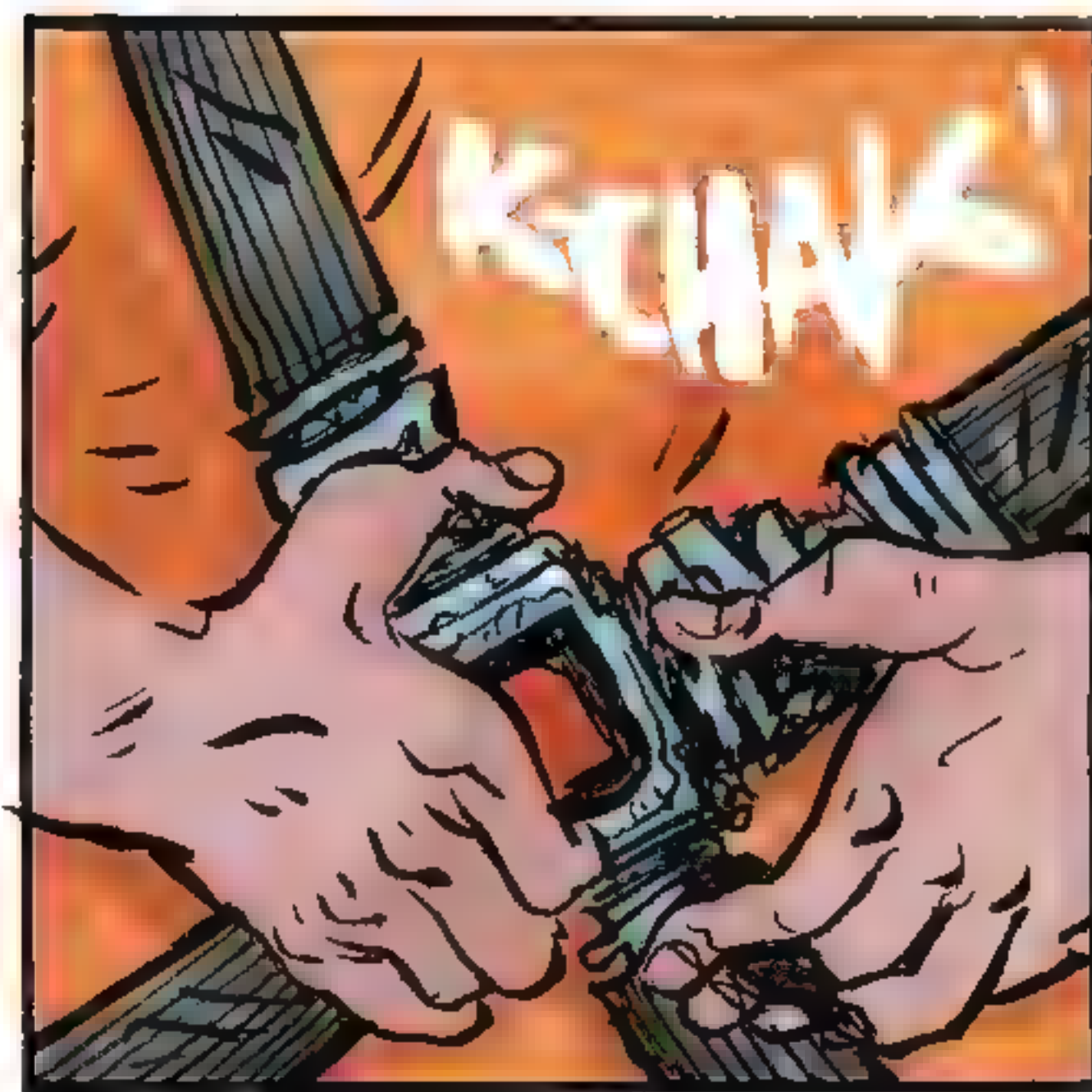
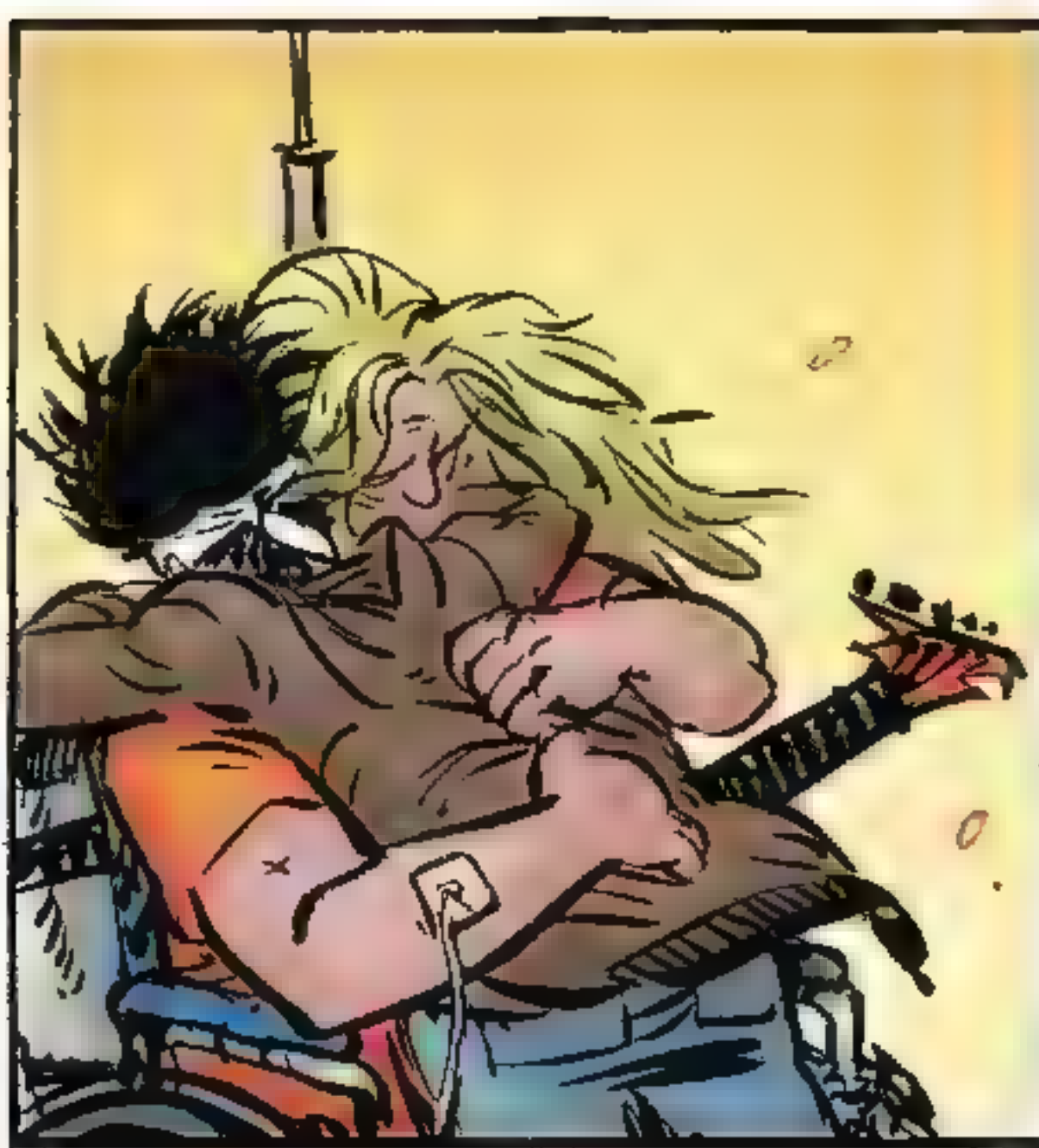
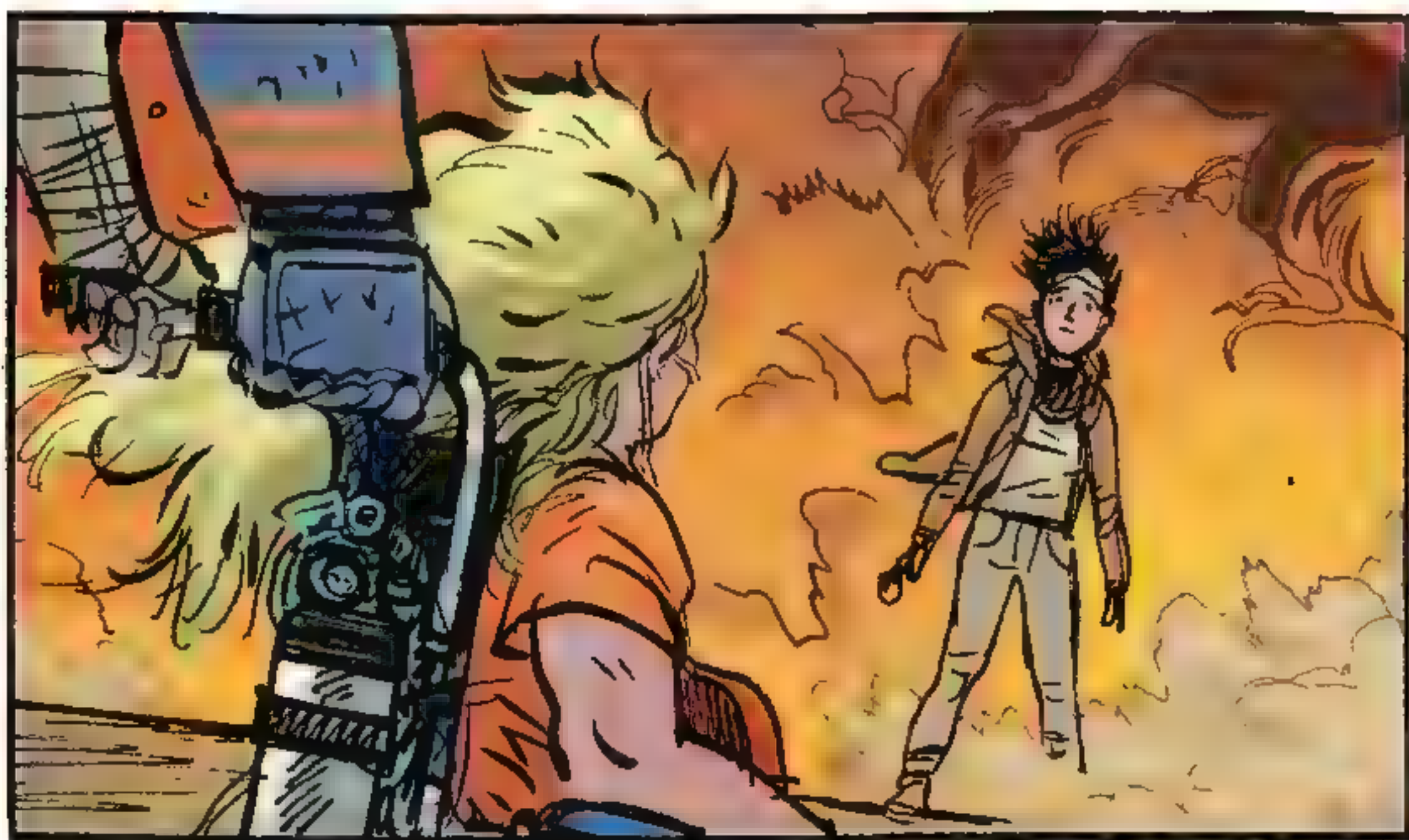
OKAY!
MURF,
LET'S
GO.



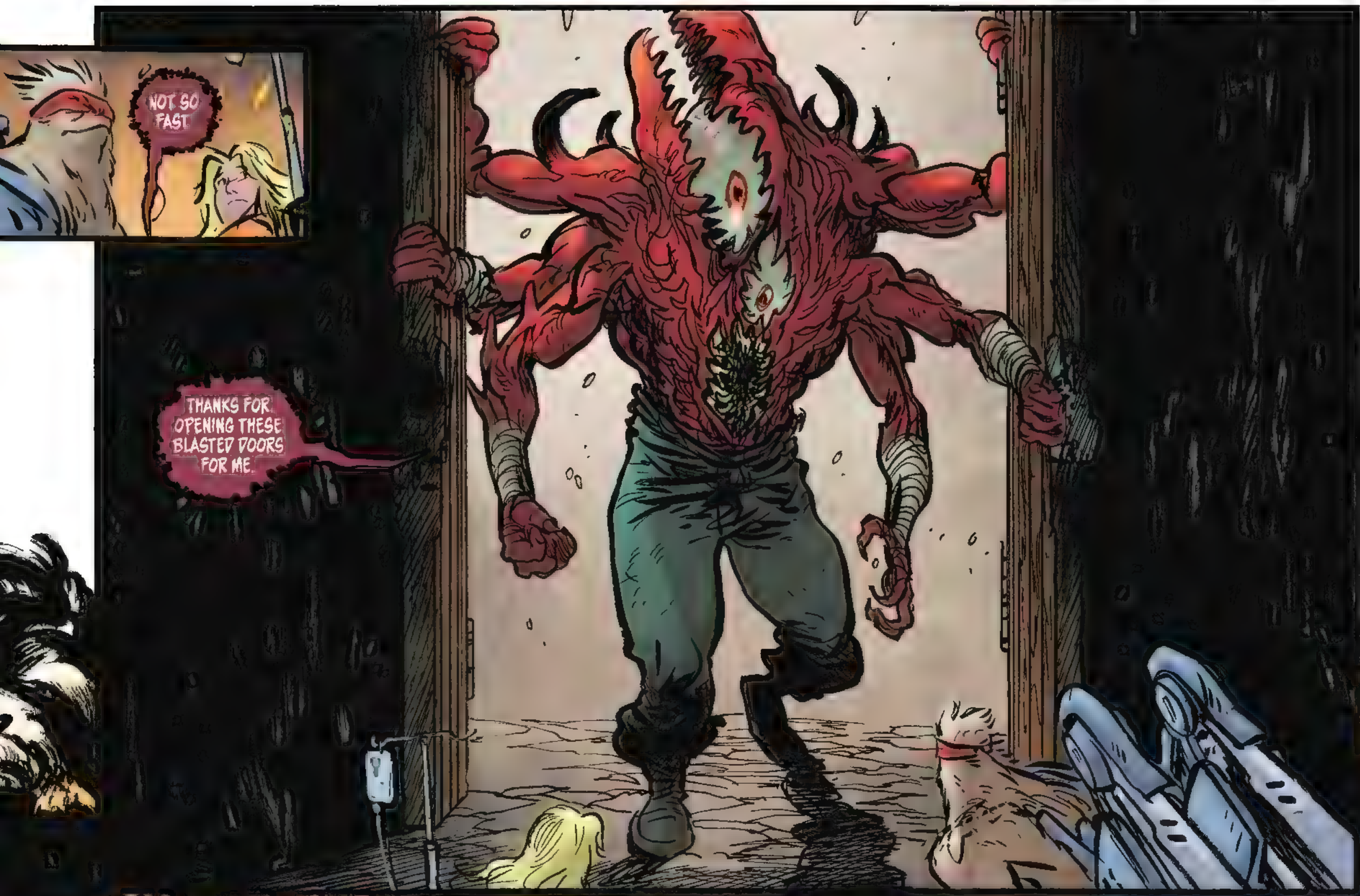
WE'LL DISTRACT
THEM AS LONG AS
WE CAN. YOU MIGHT
HAVE A BUNCH OF
MONSTERS ON
YOUR TAIL.

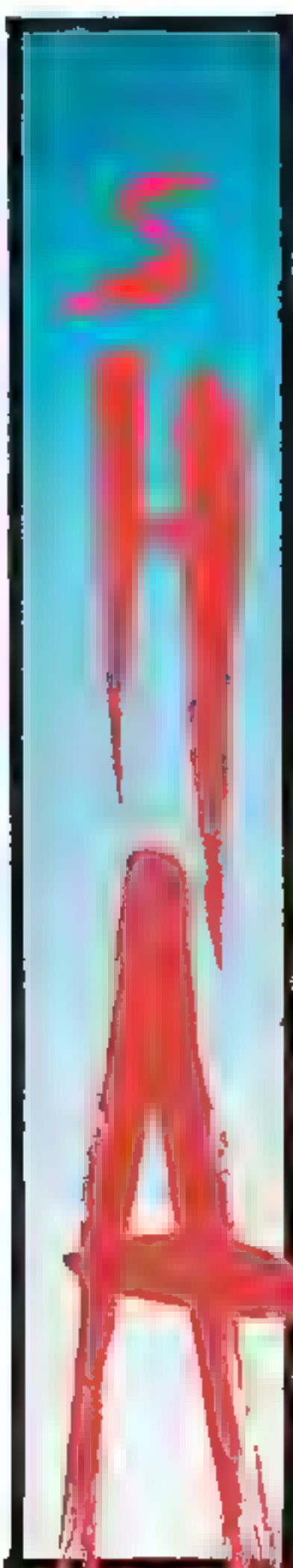
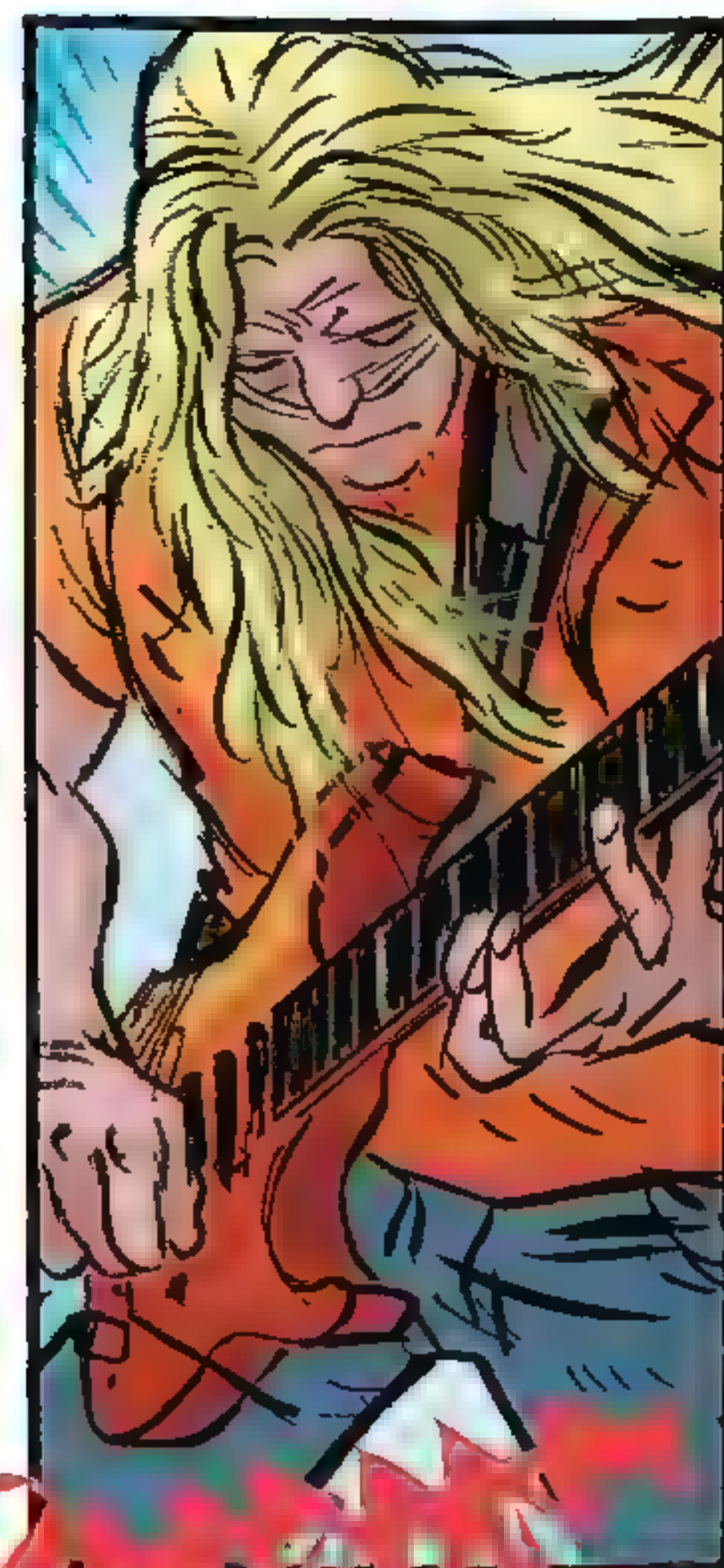
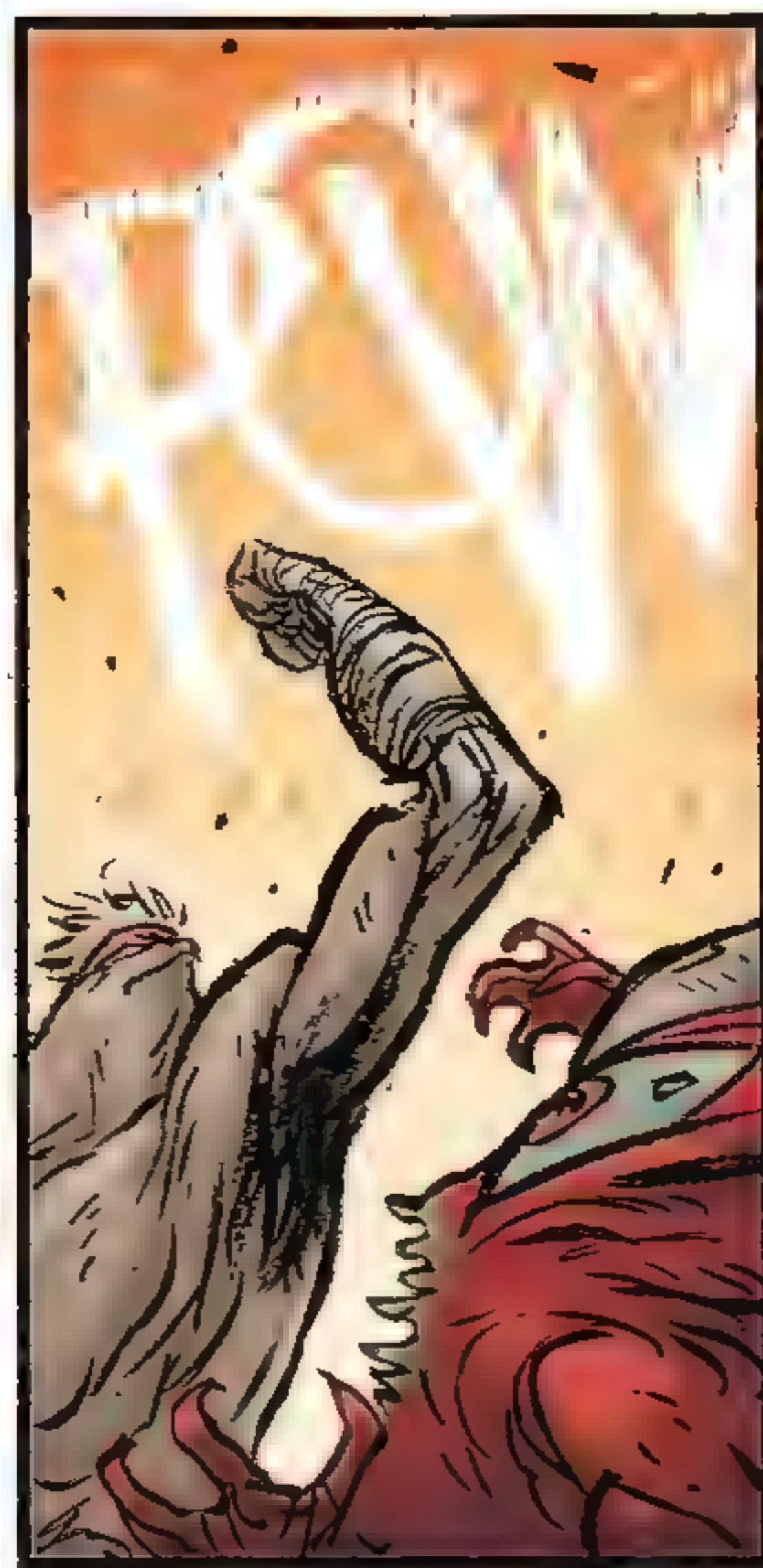
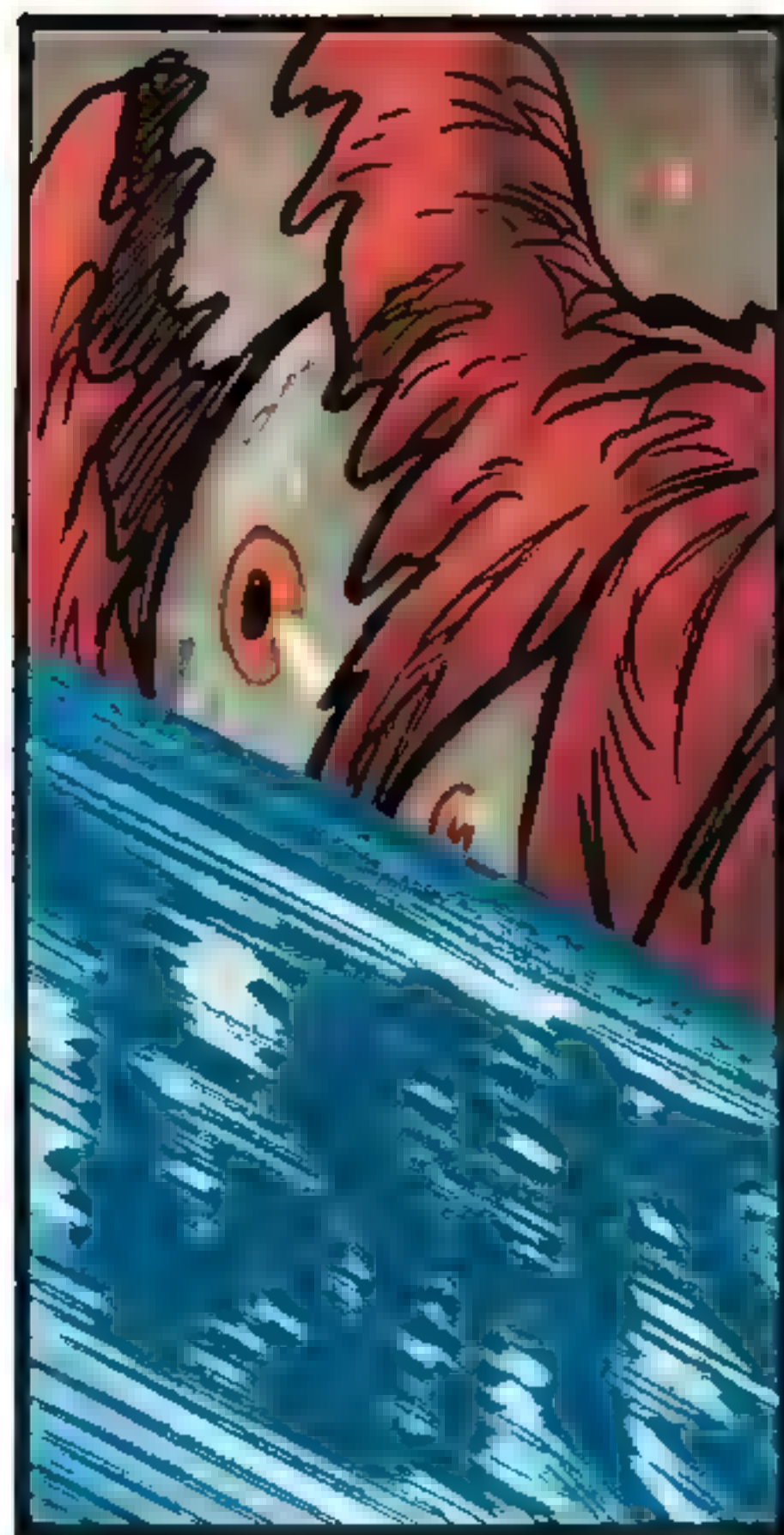
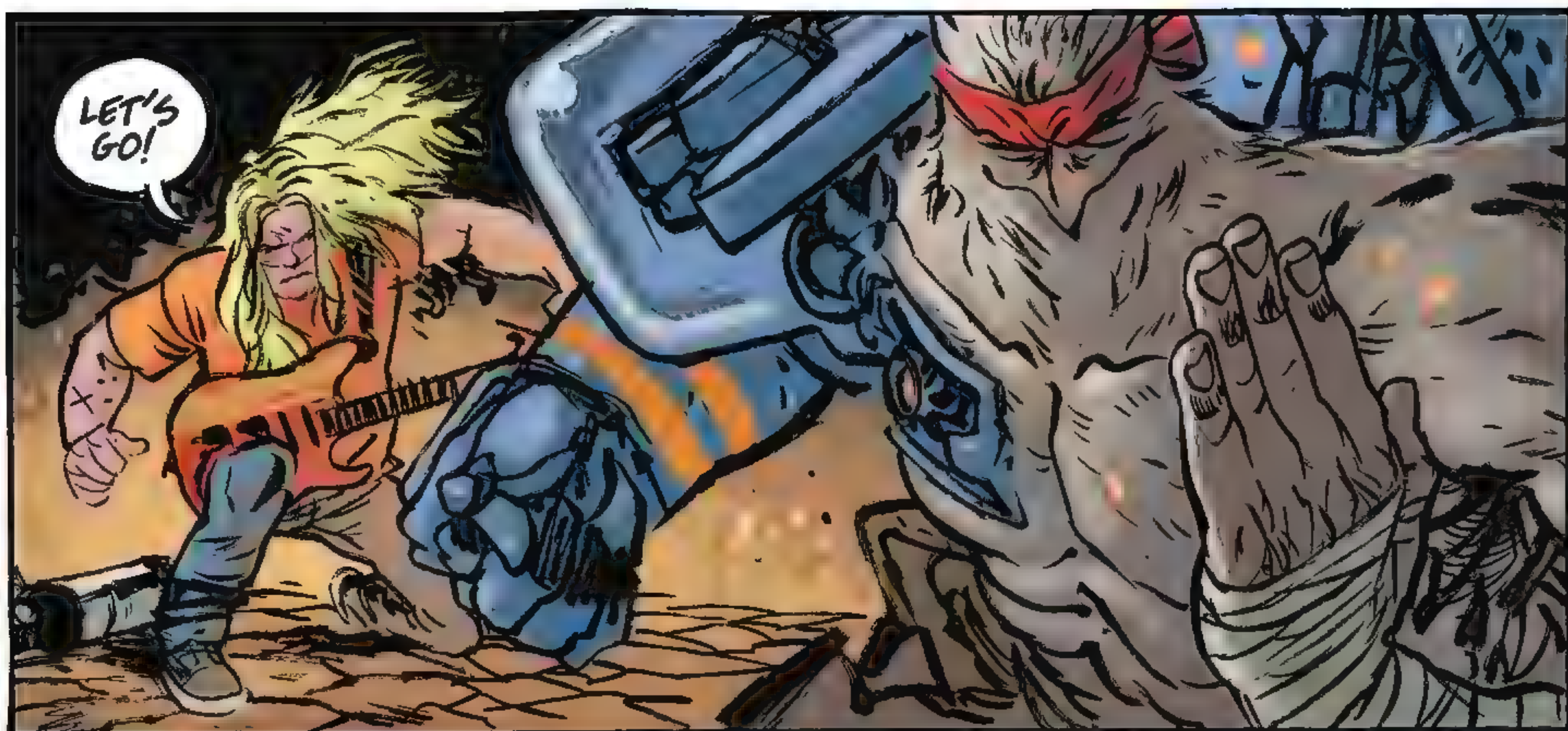
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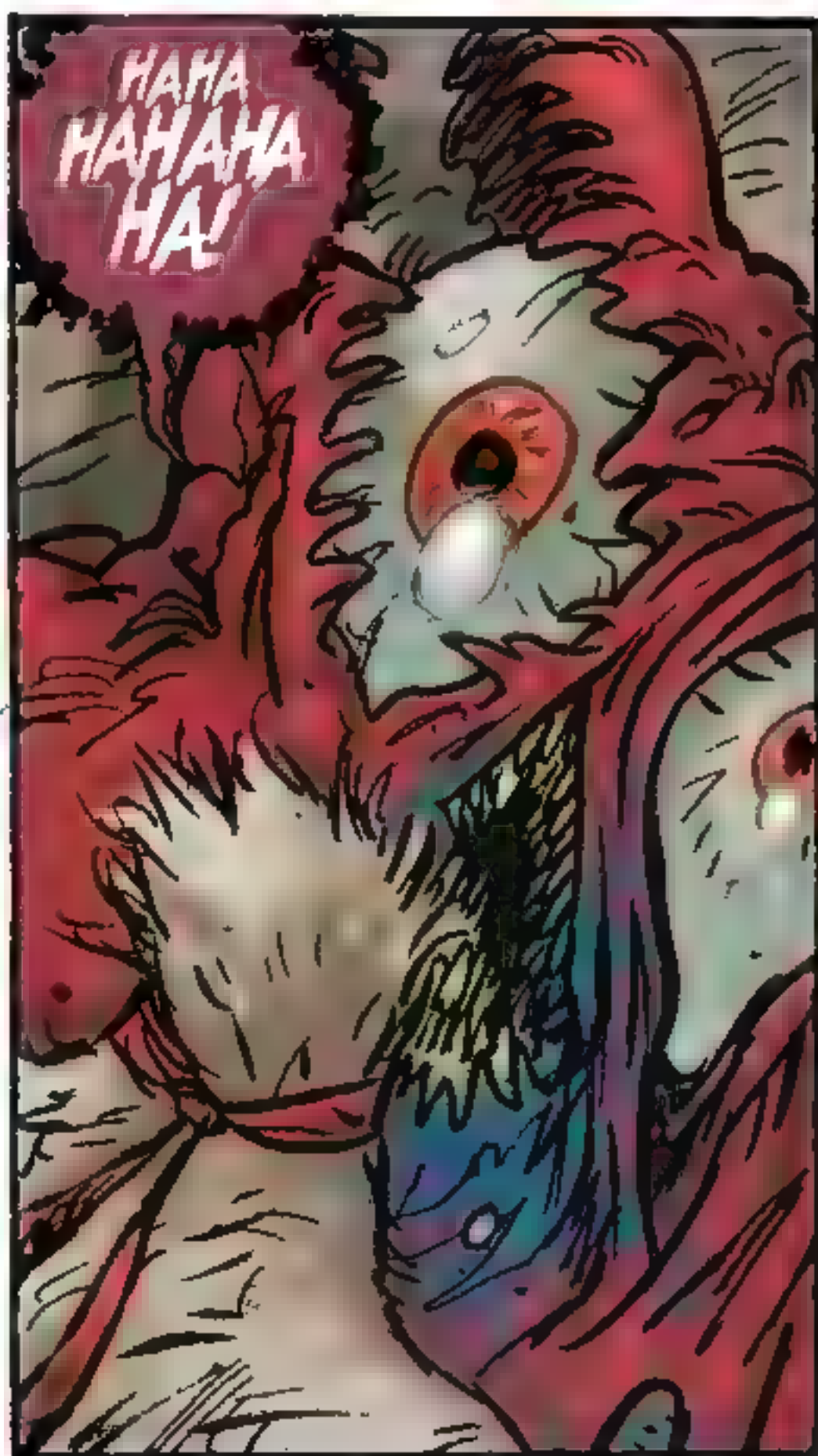
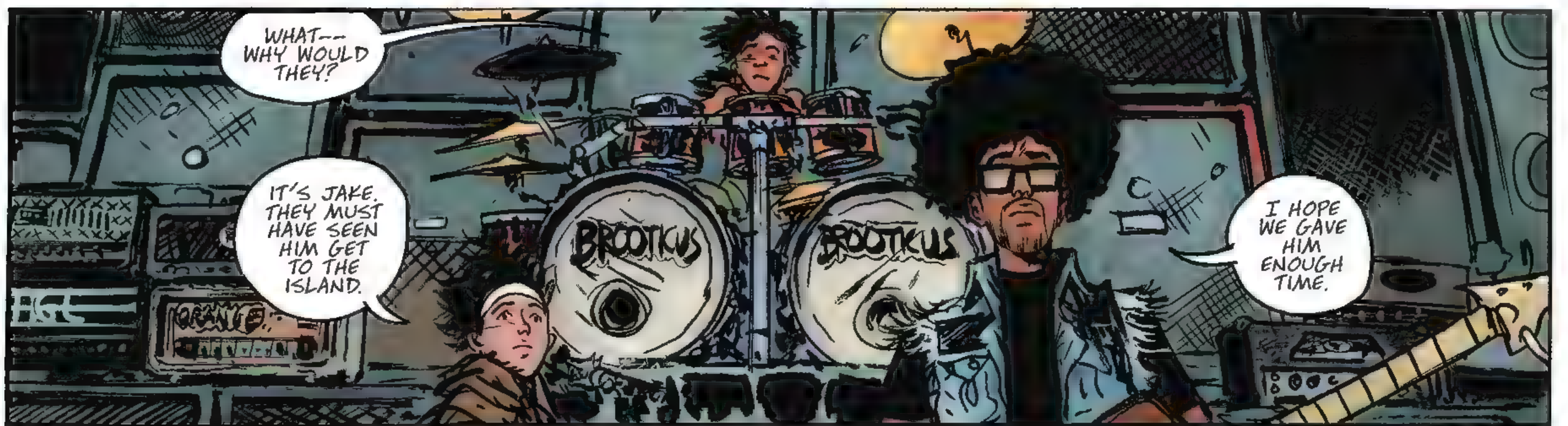
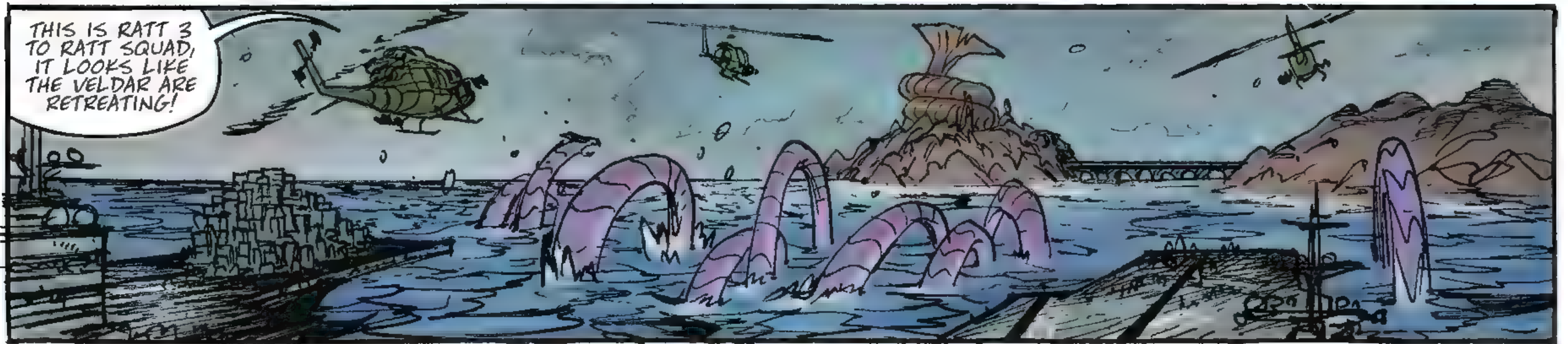
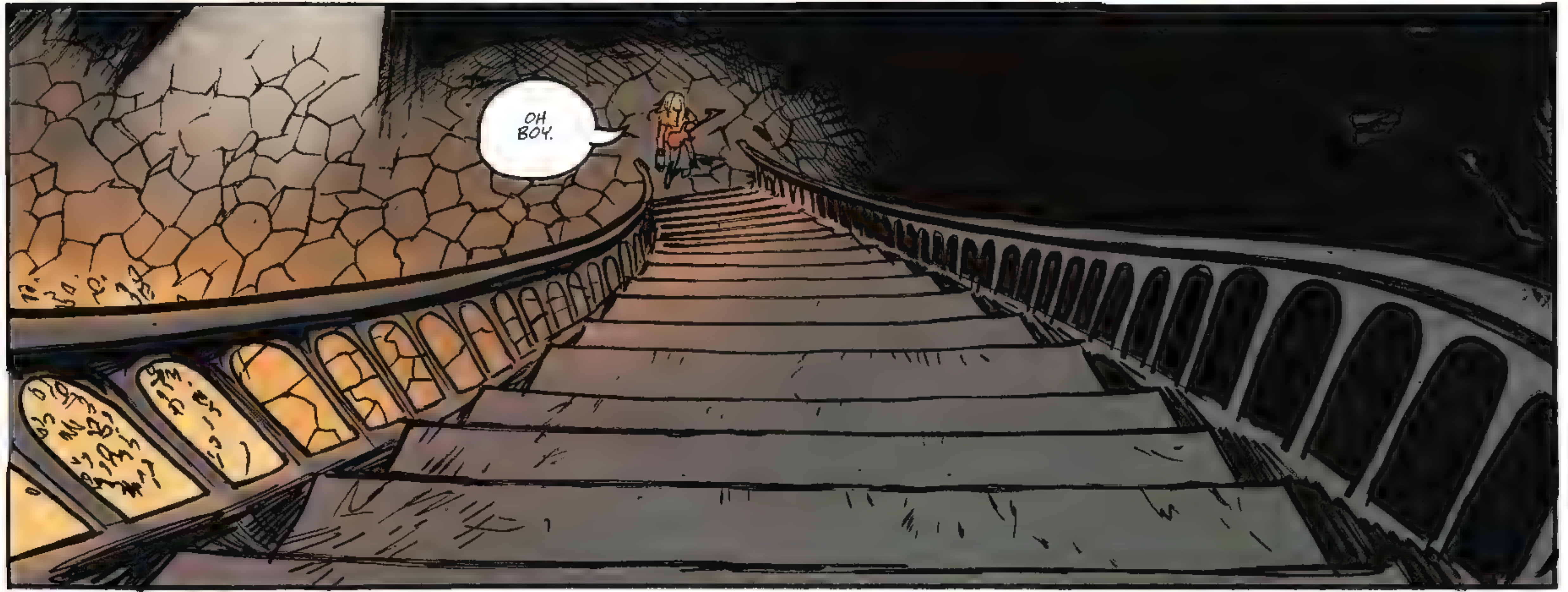
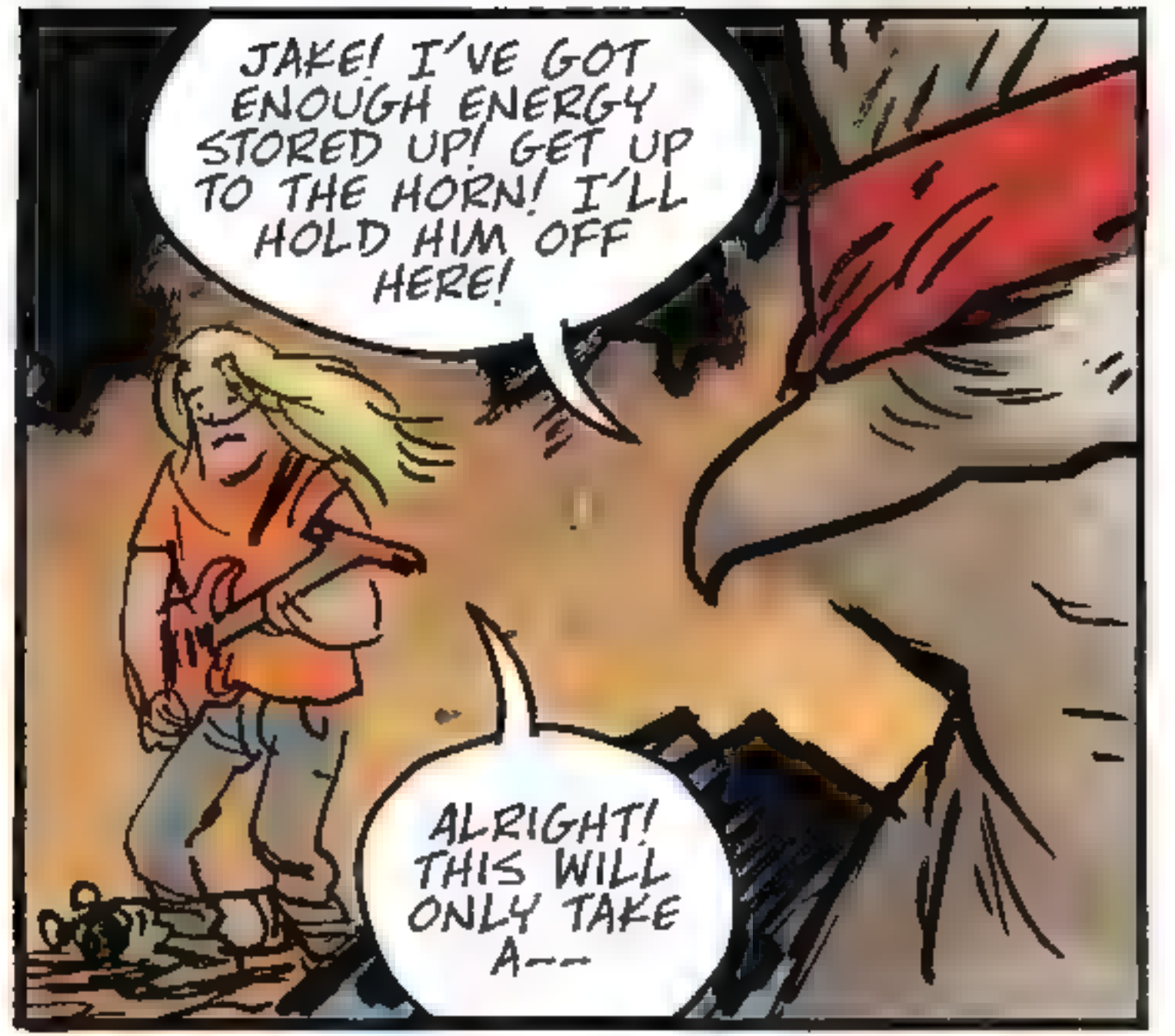
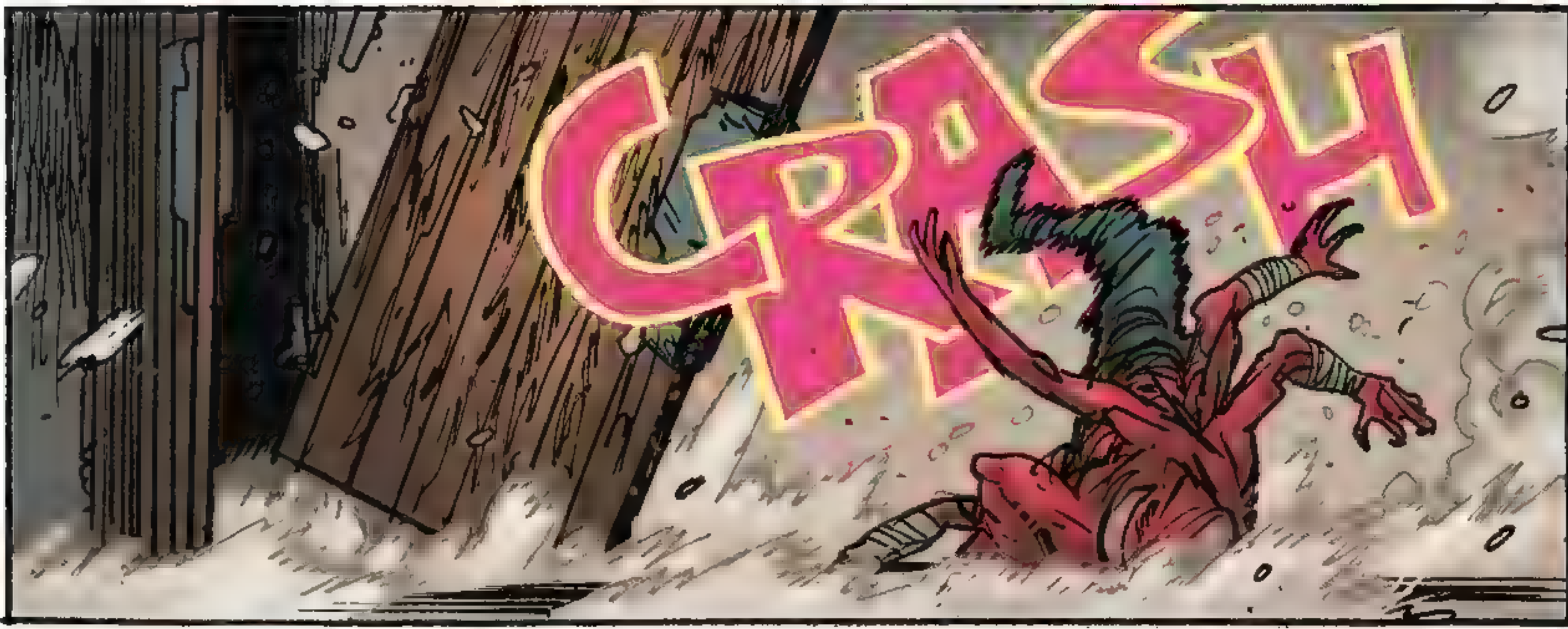


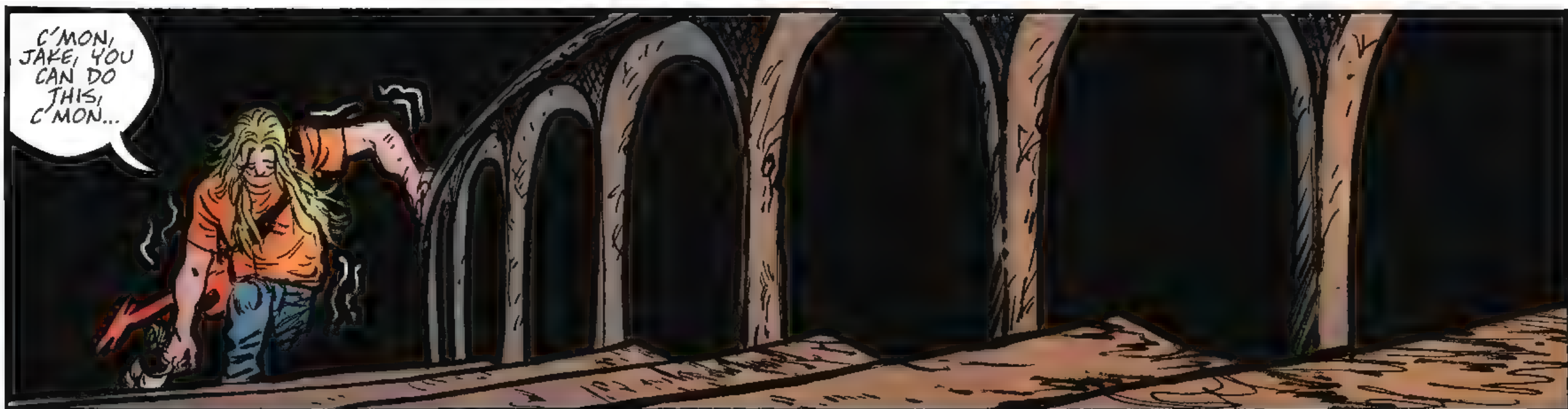


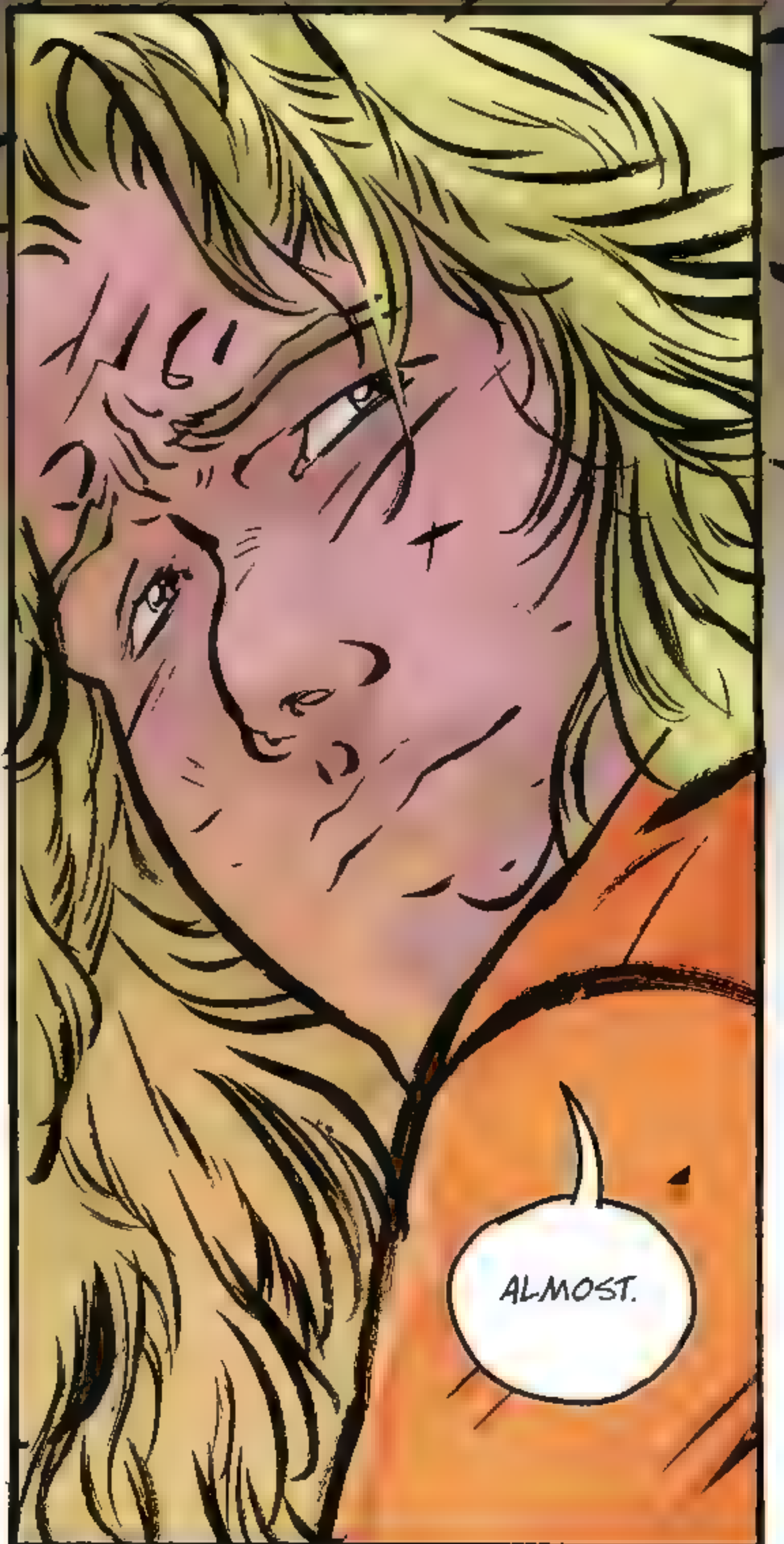
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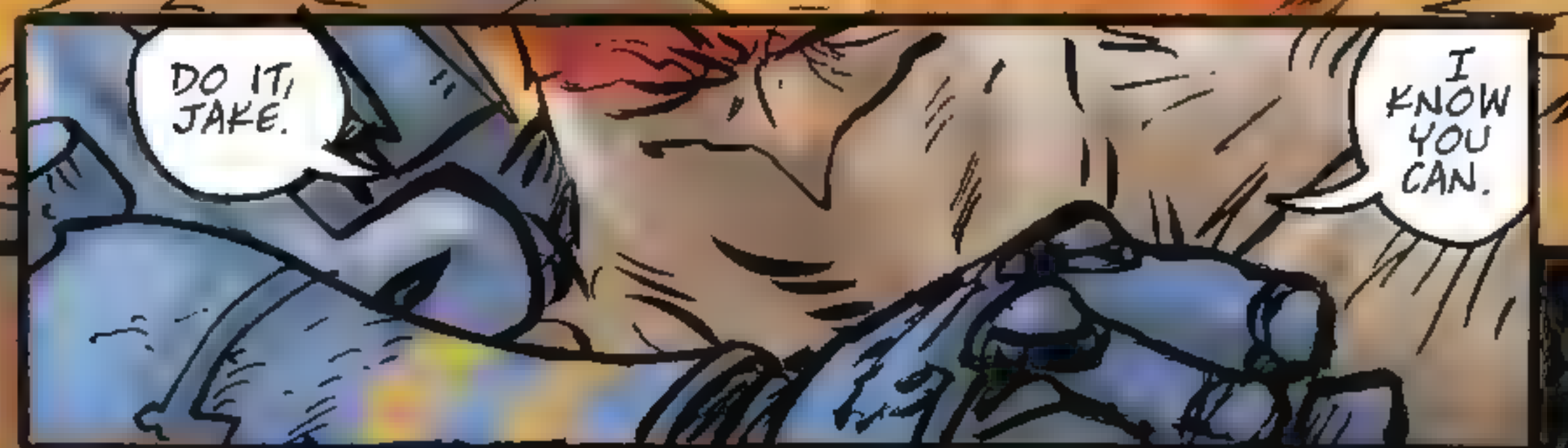
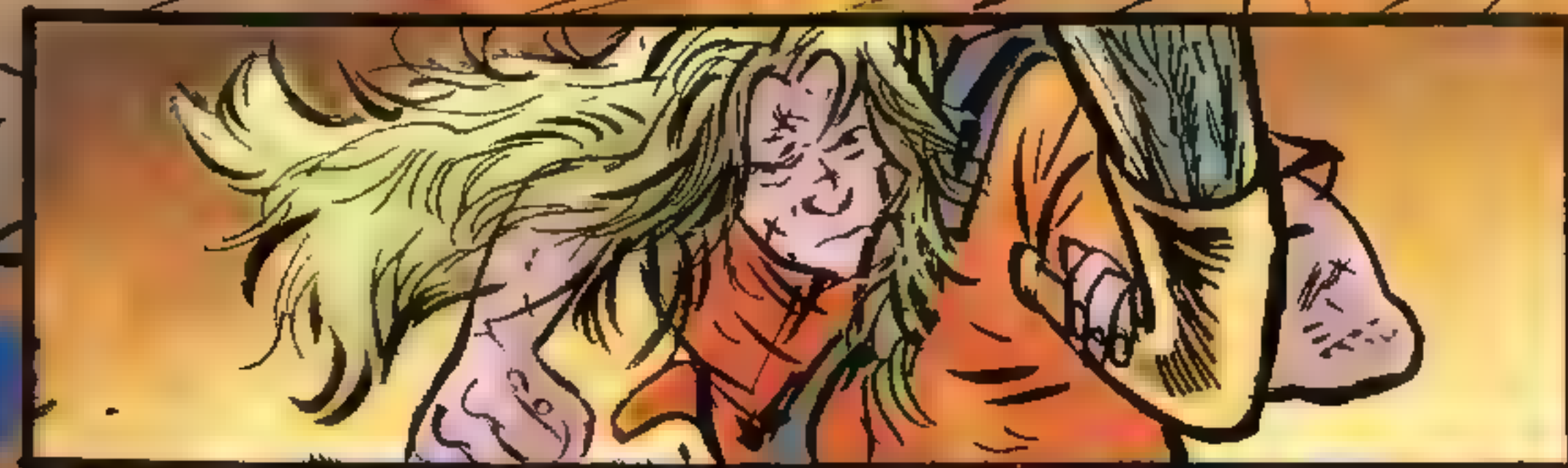
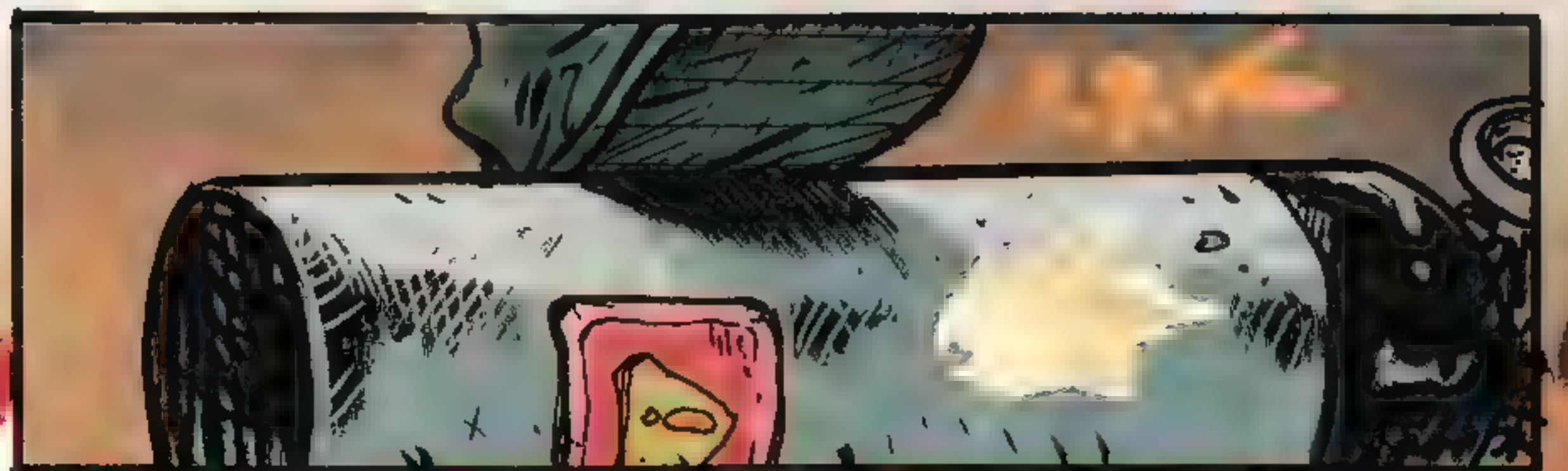
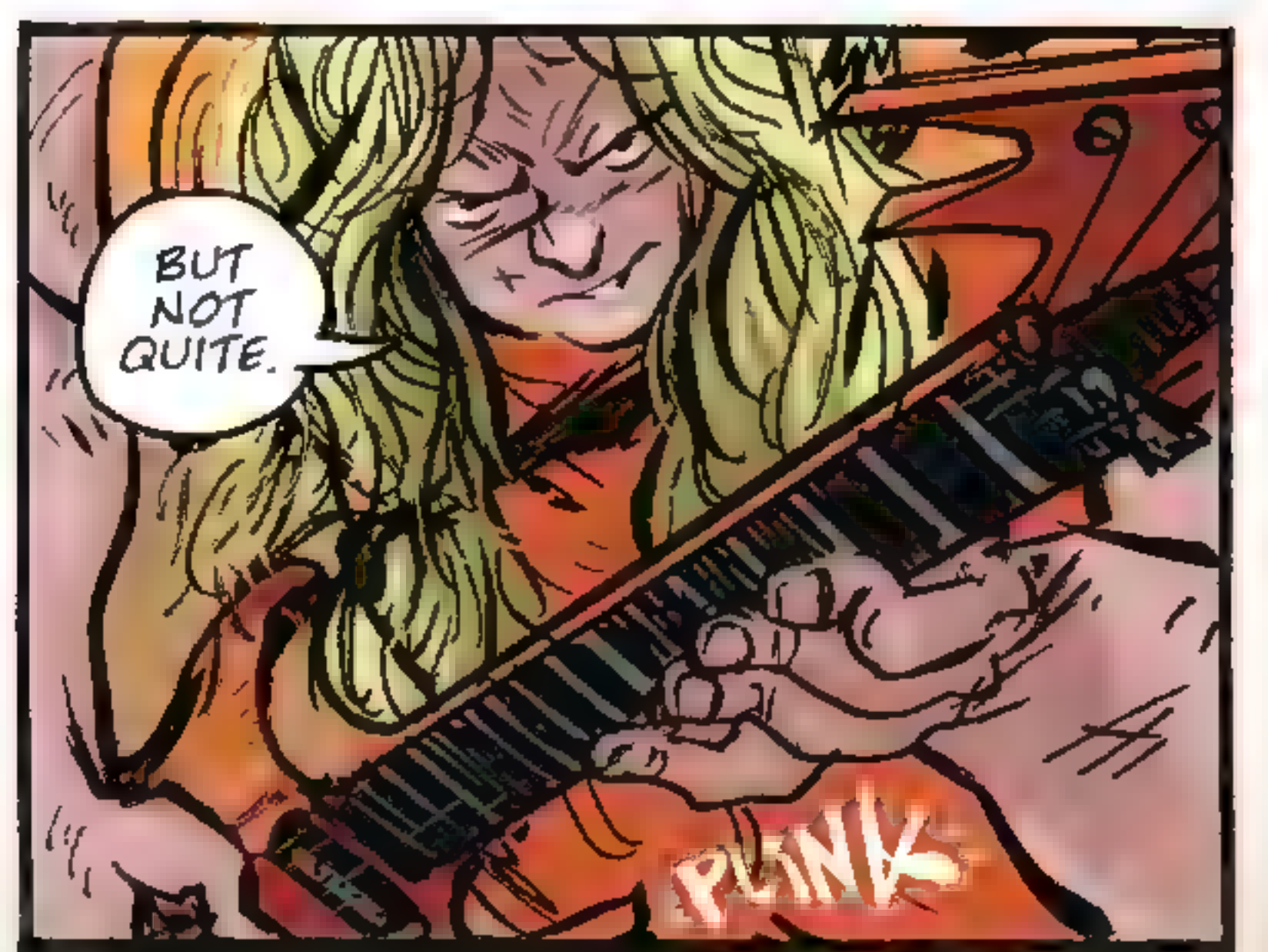
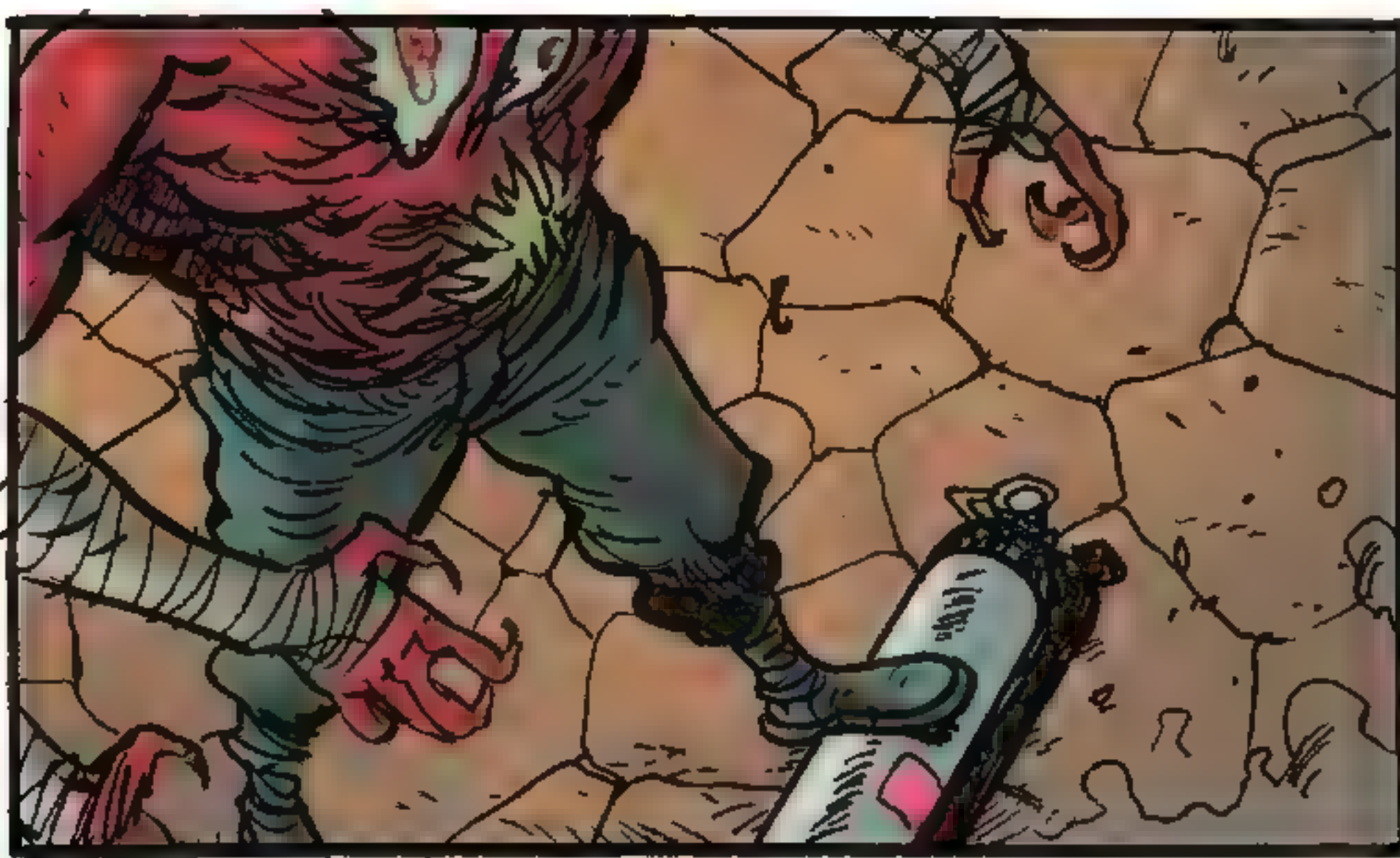
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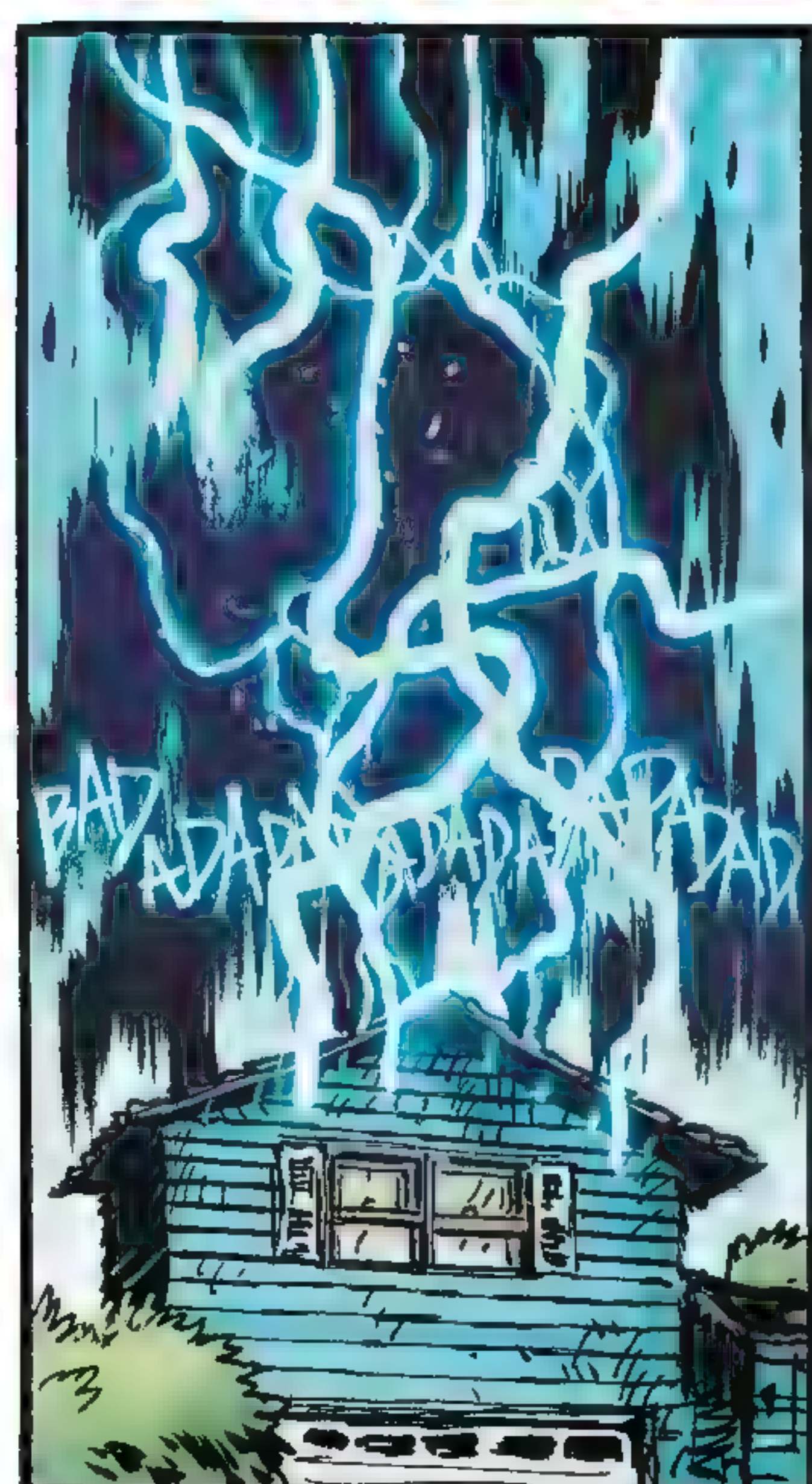
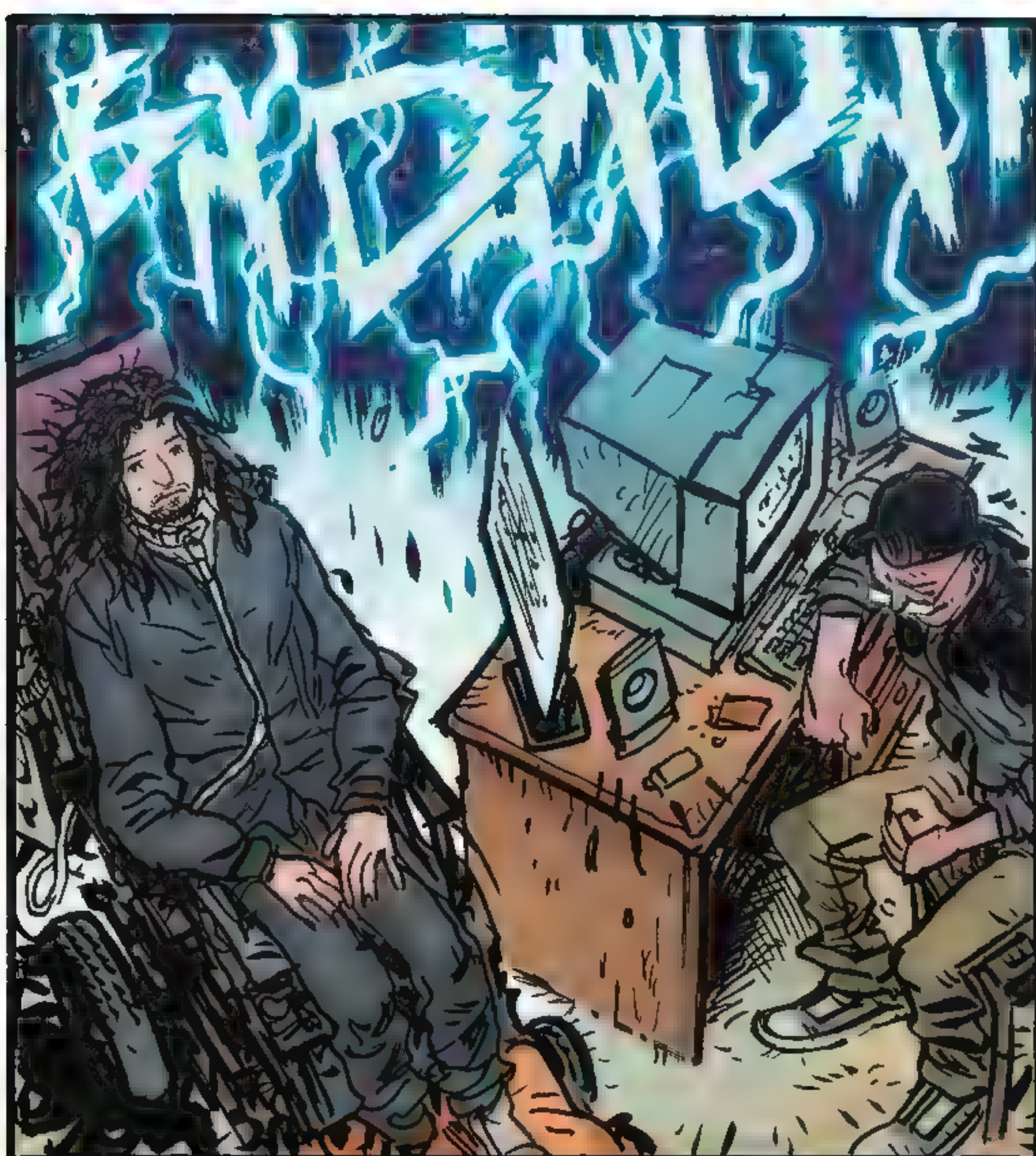
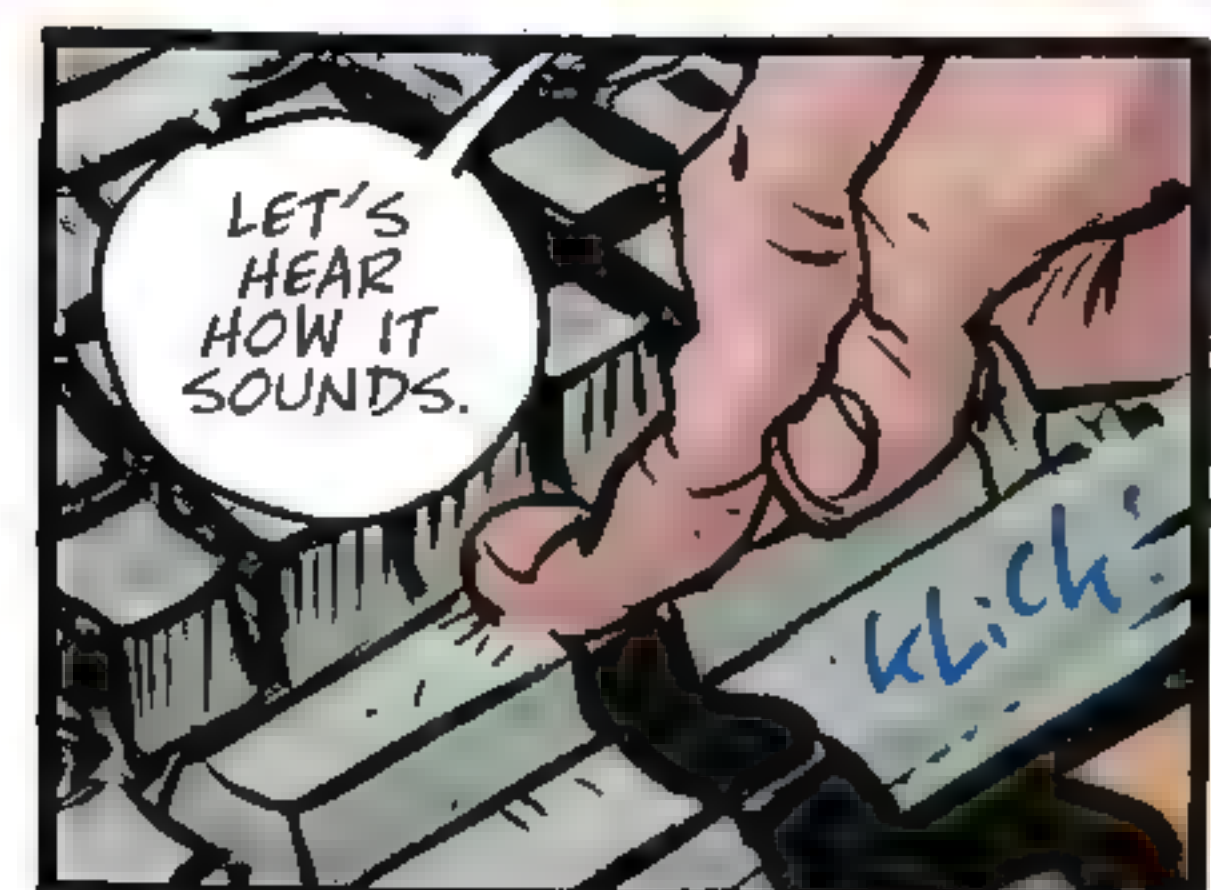
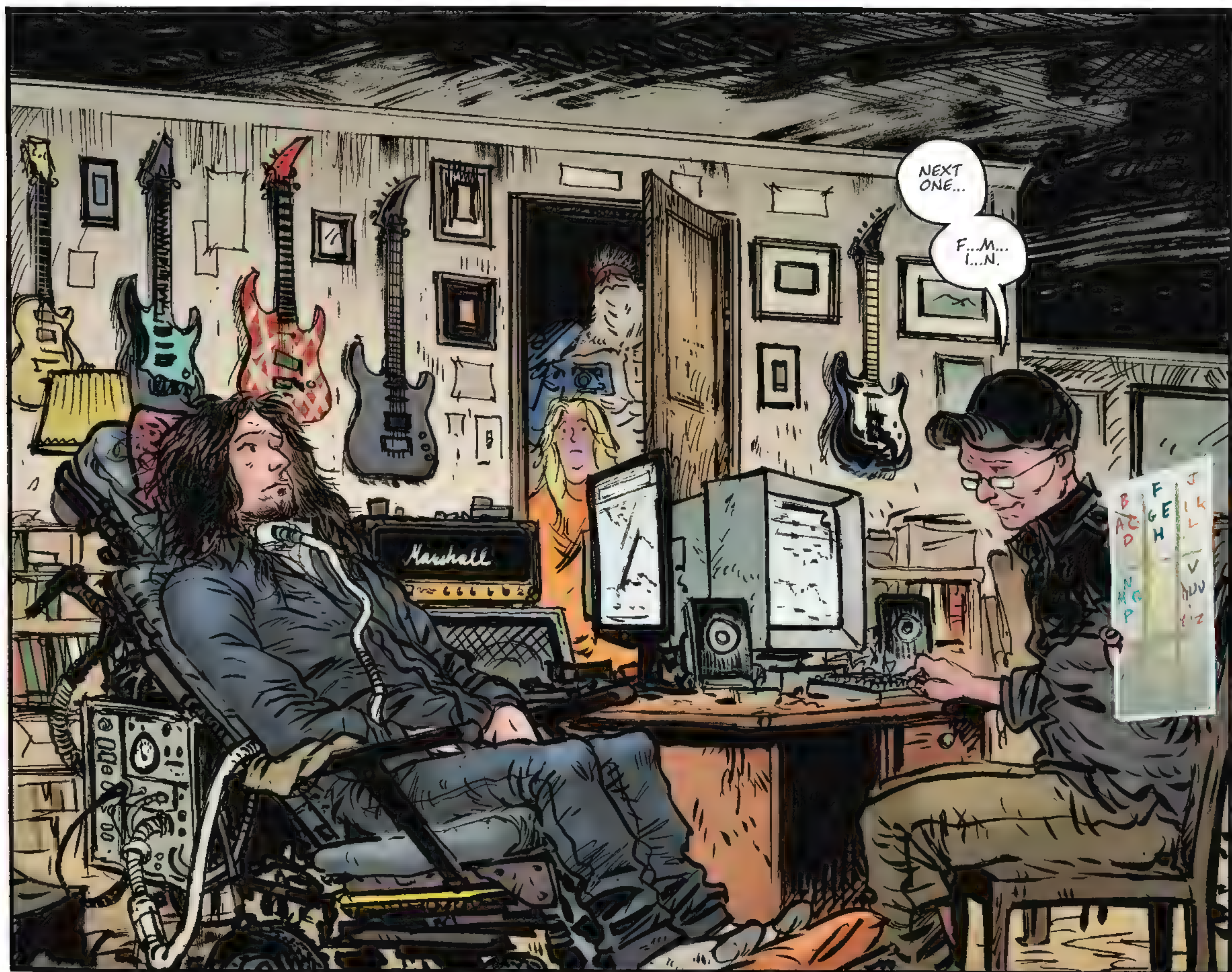
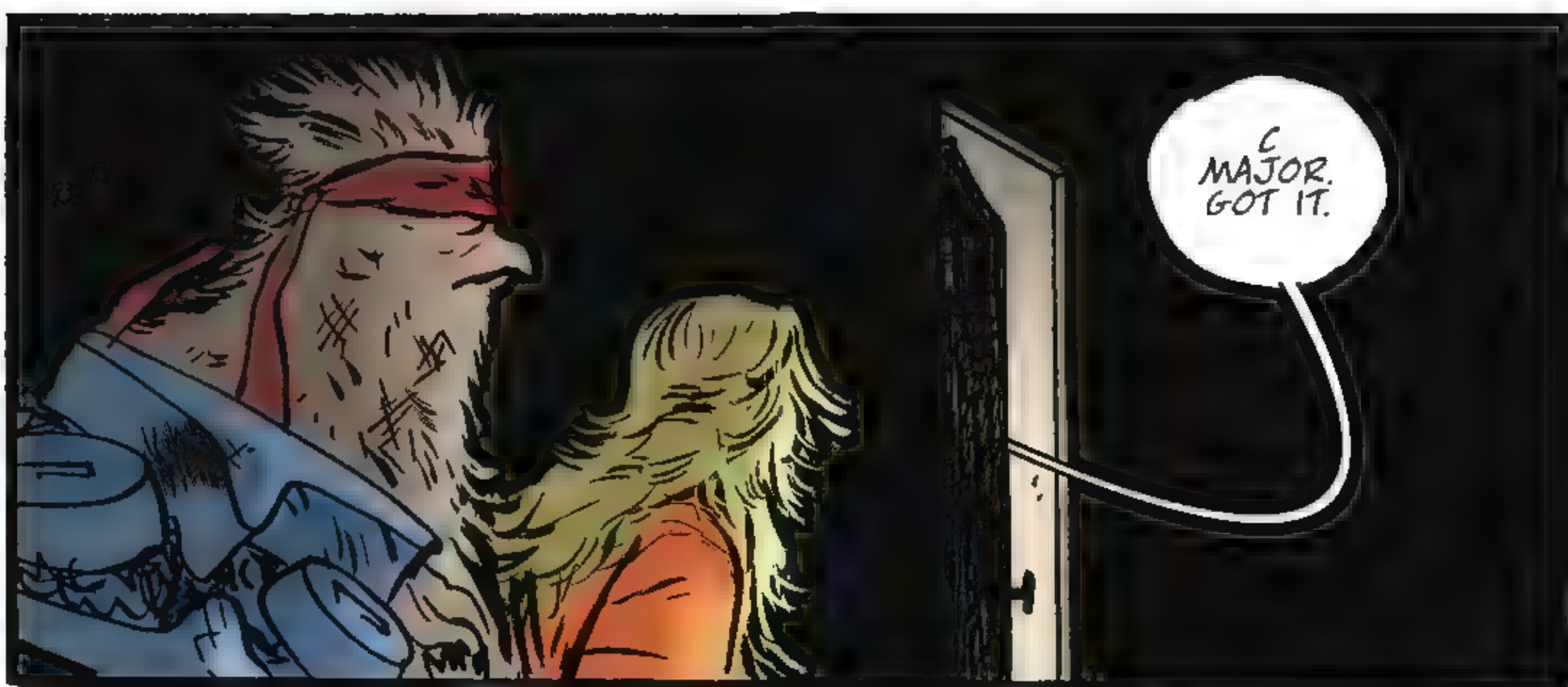
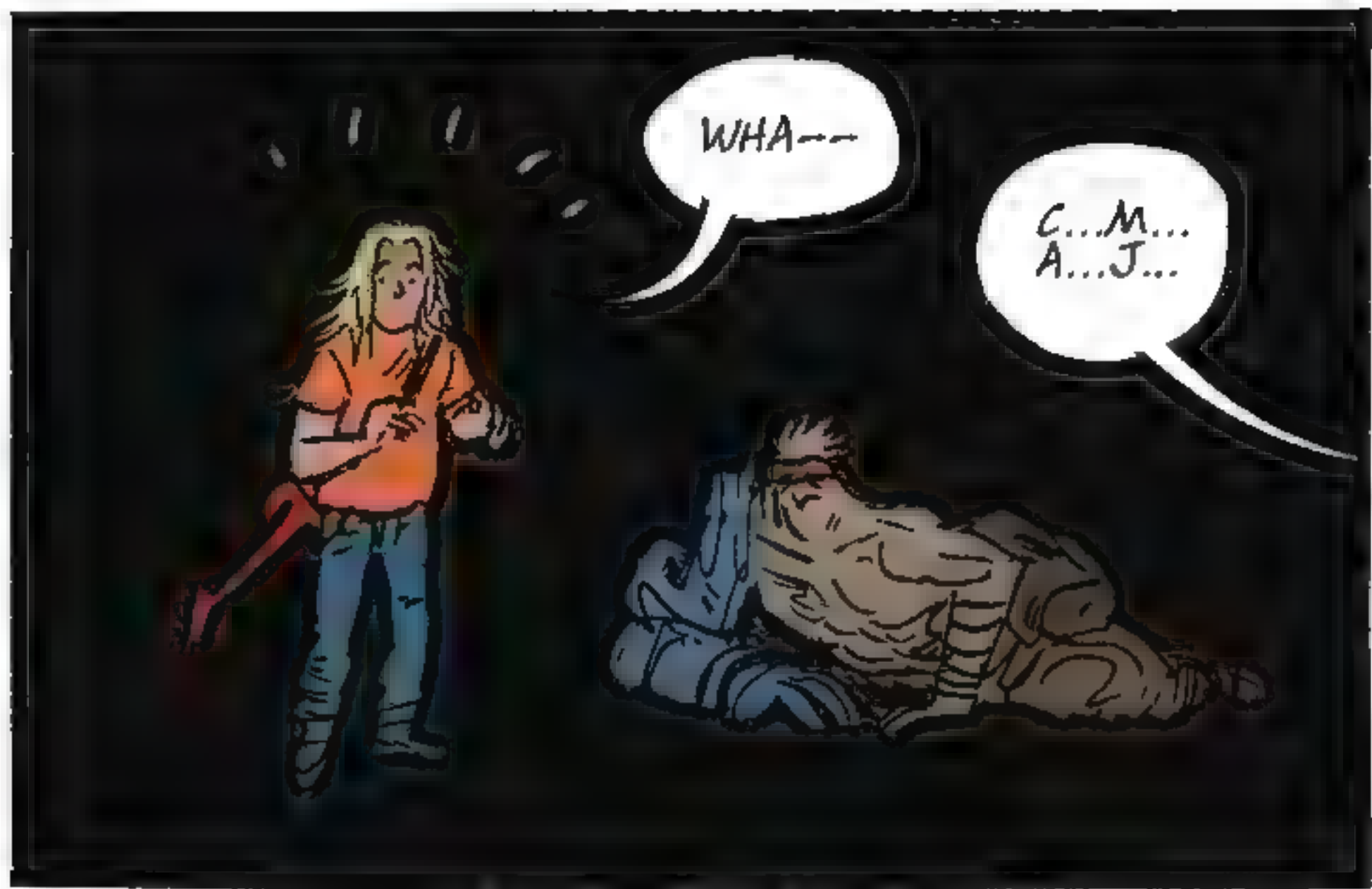
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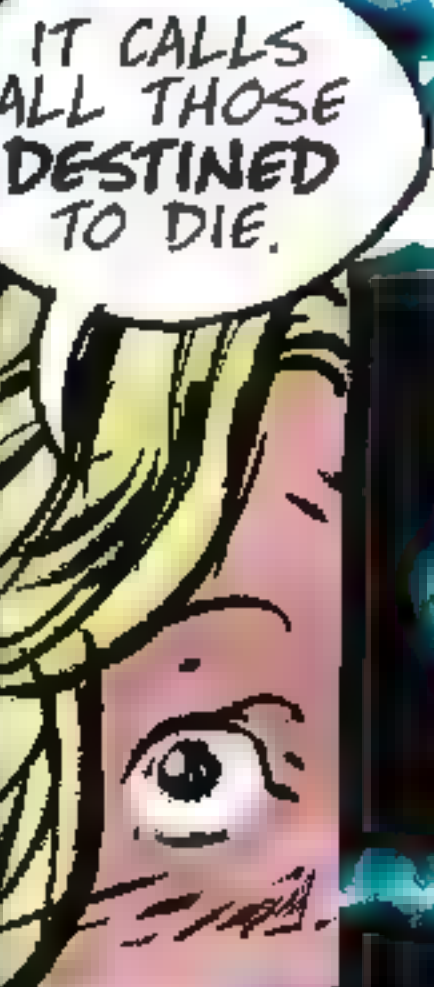
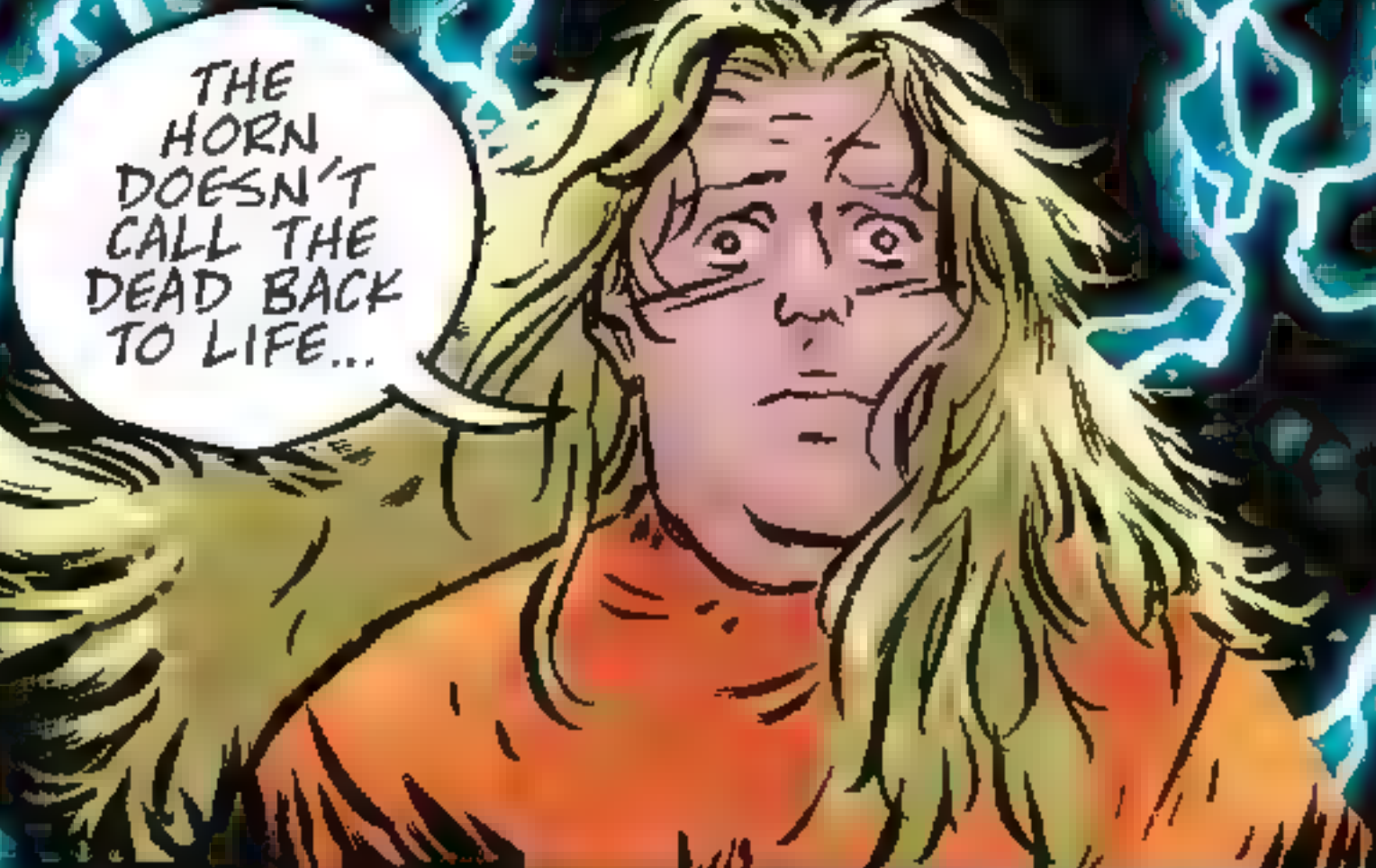
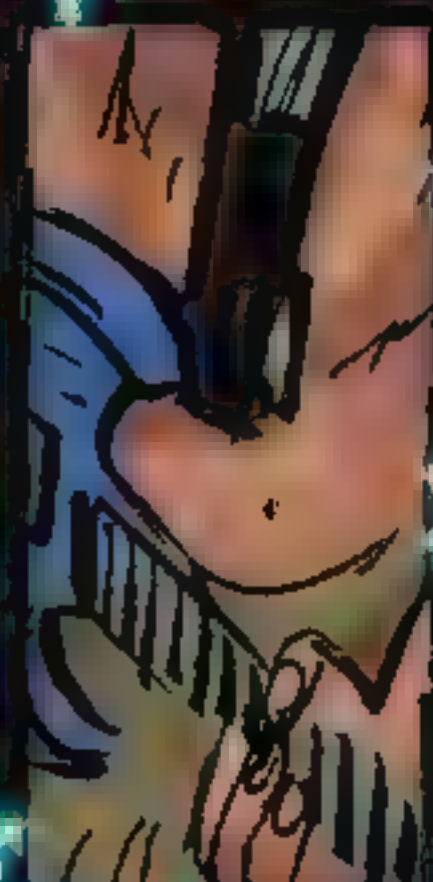
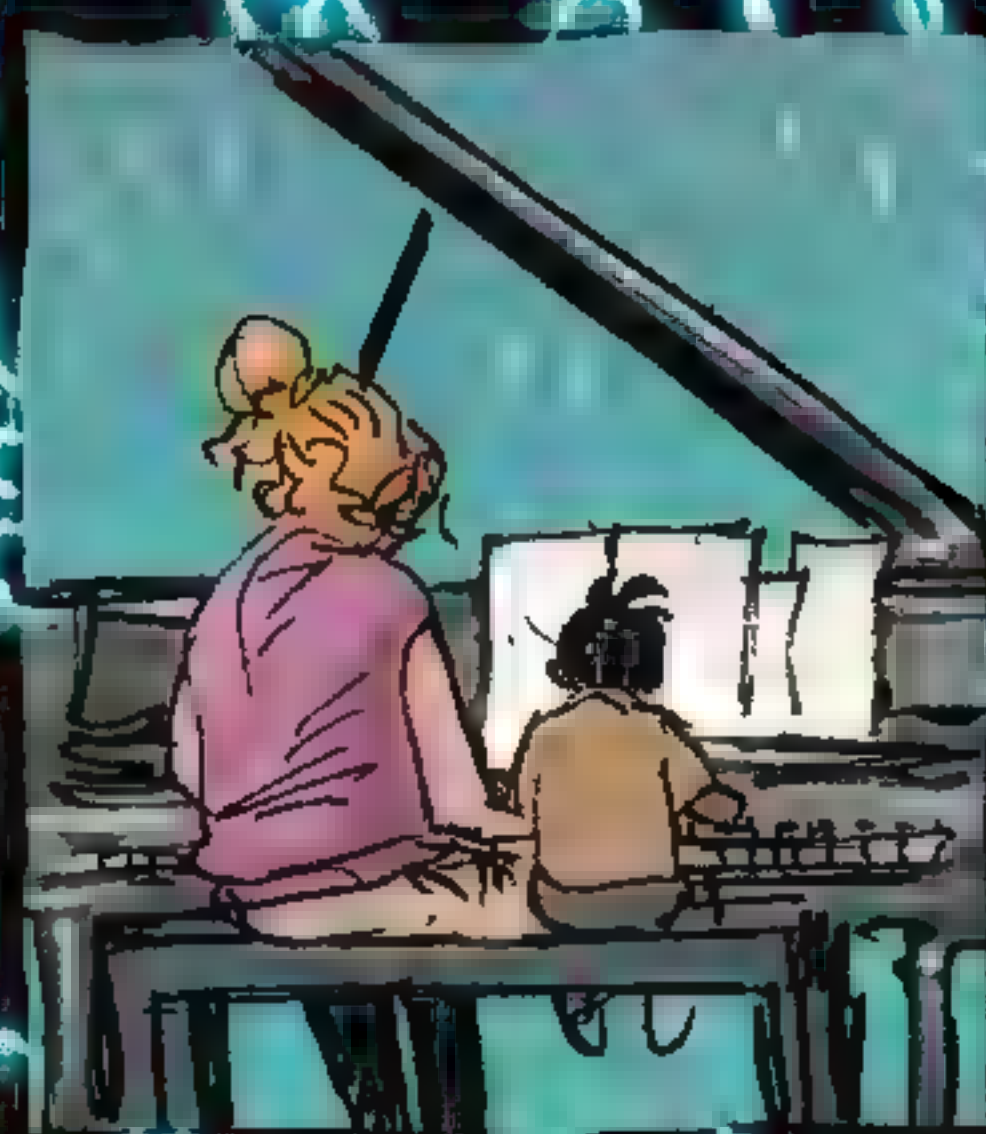
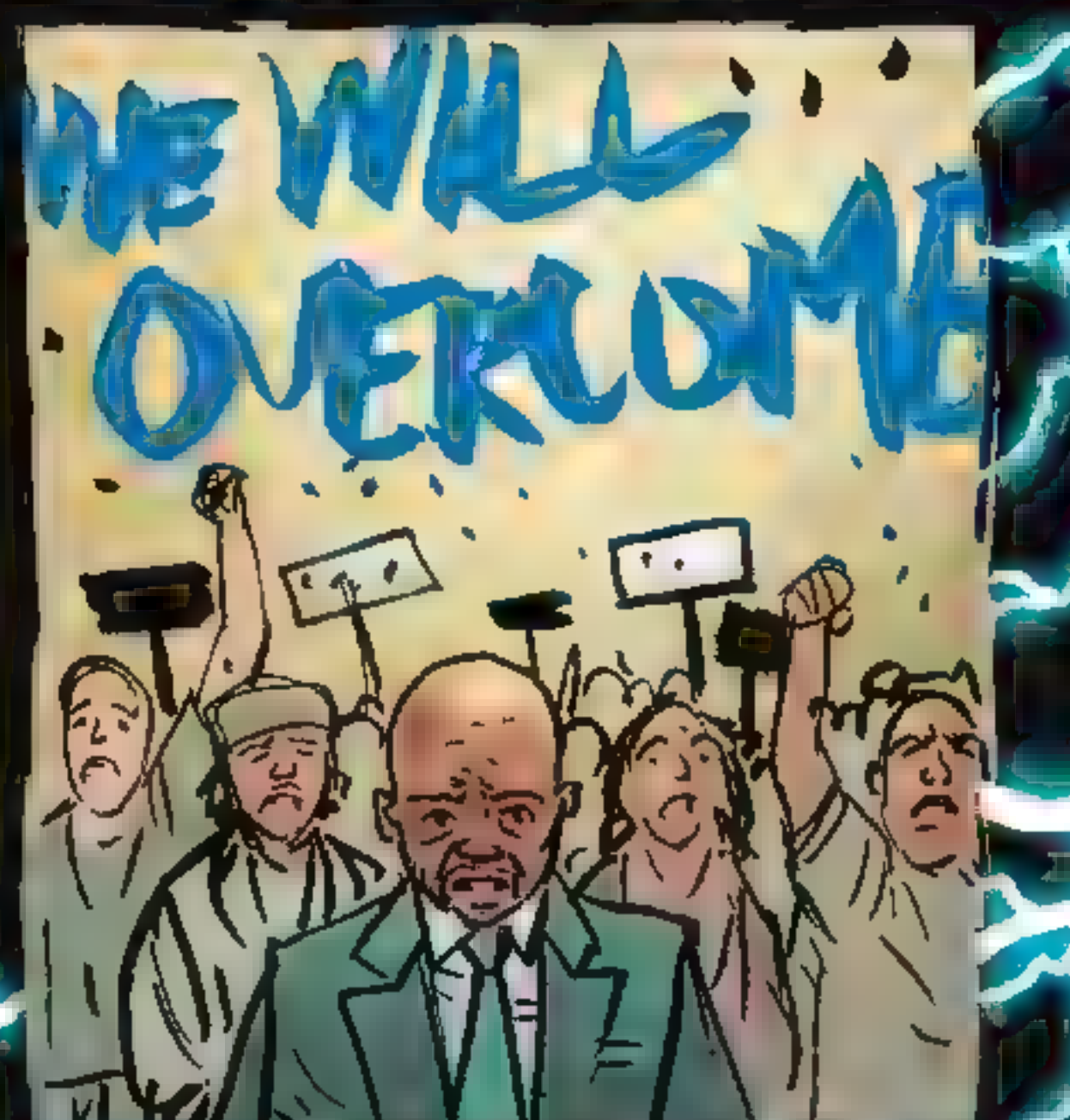




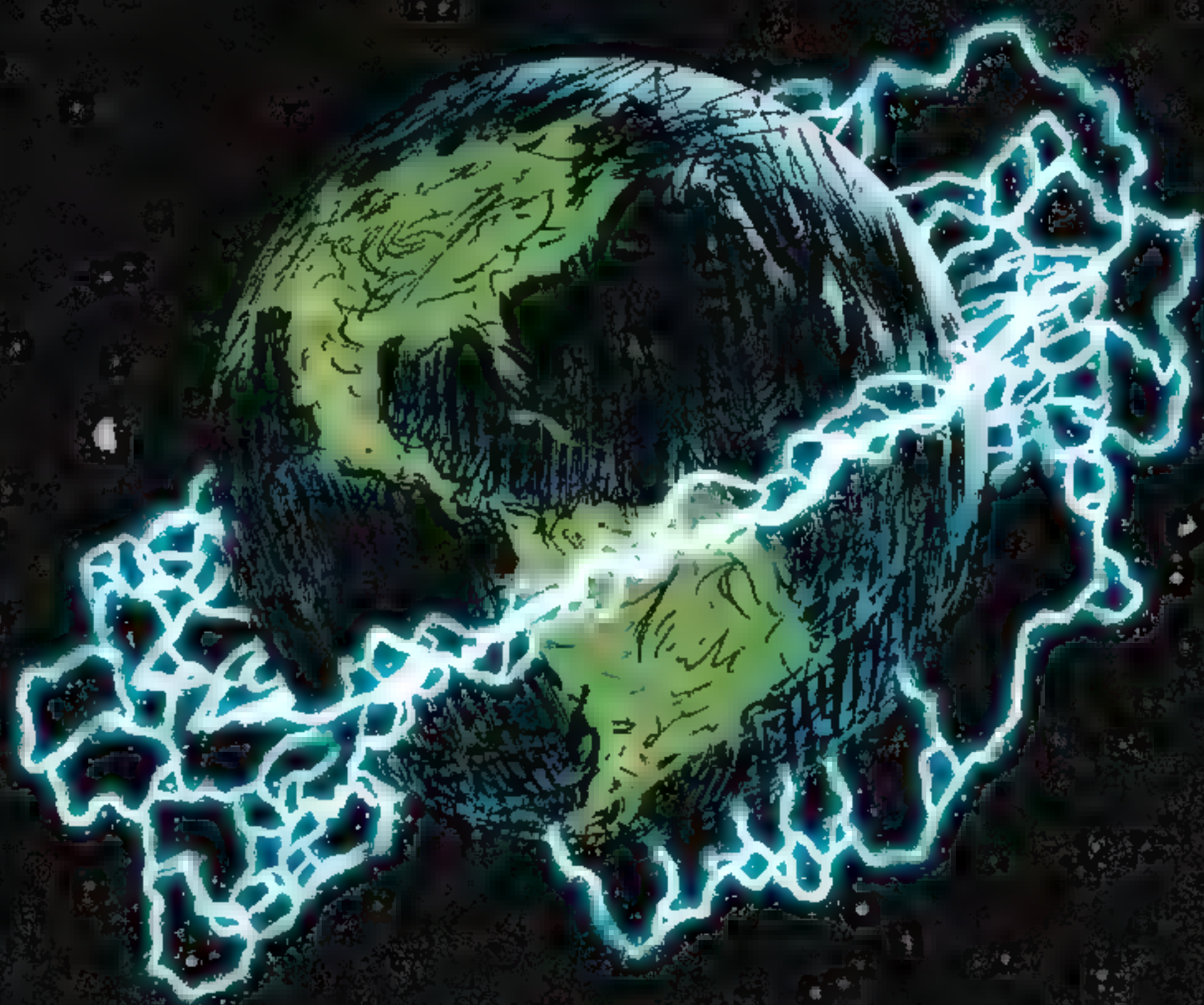


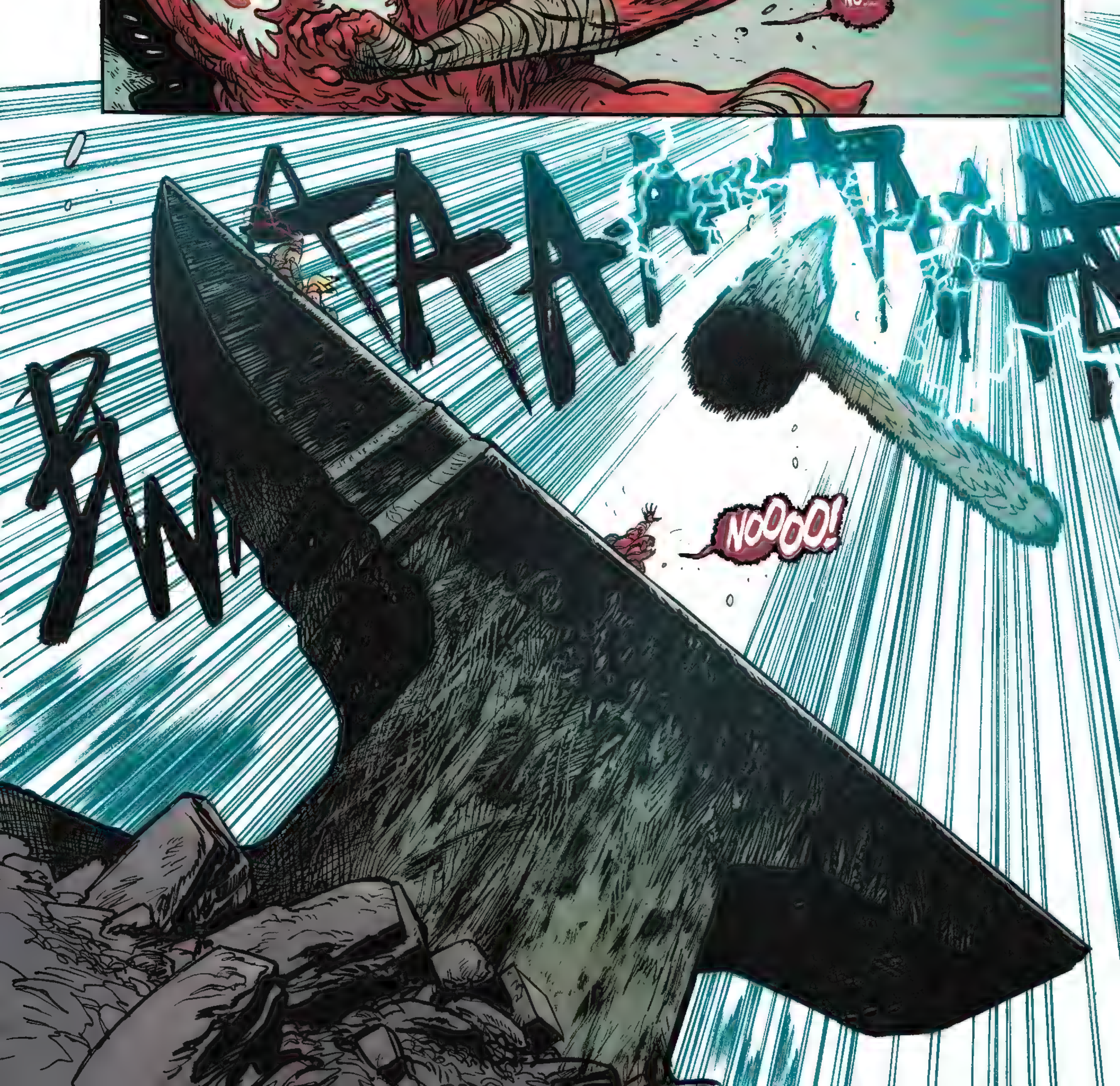
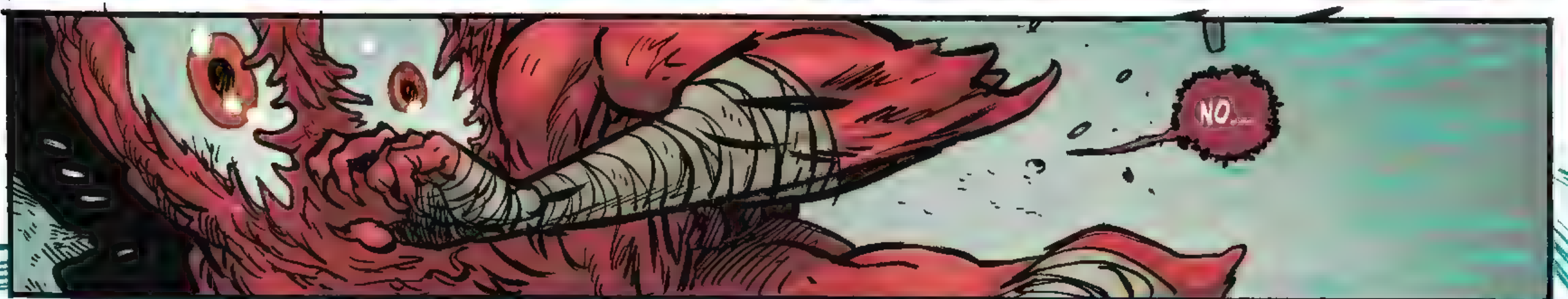
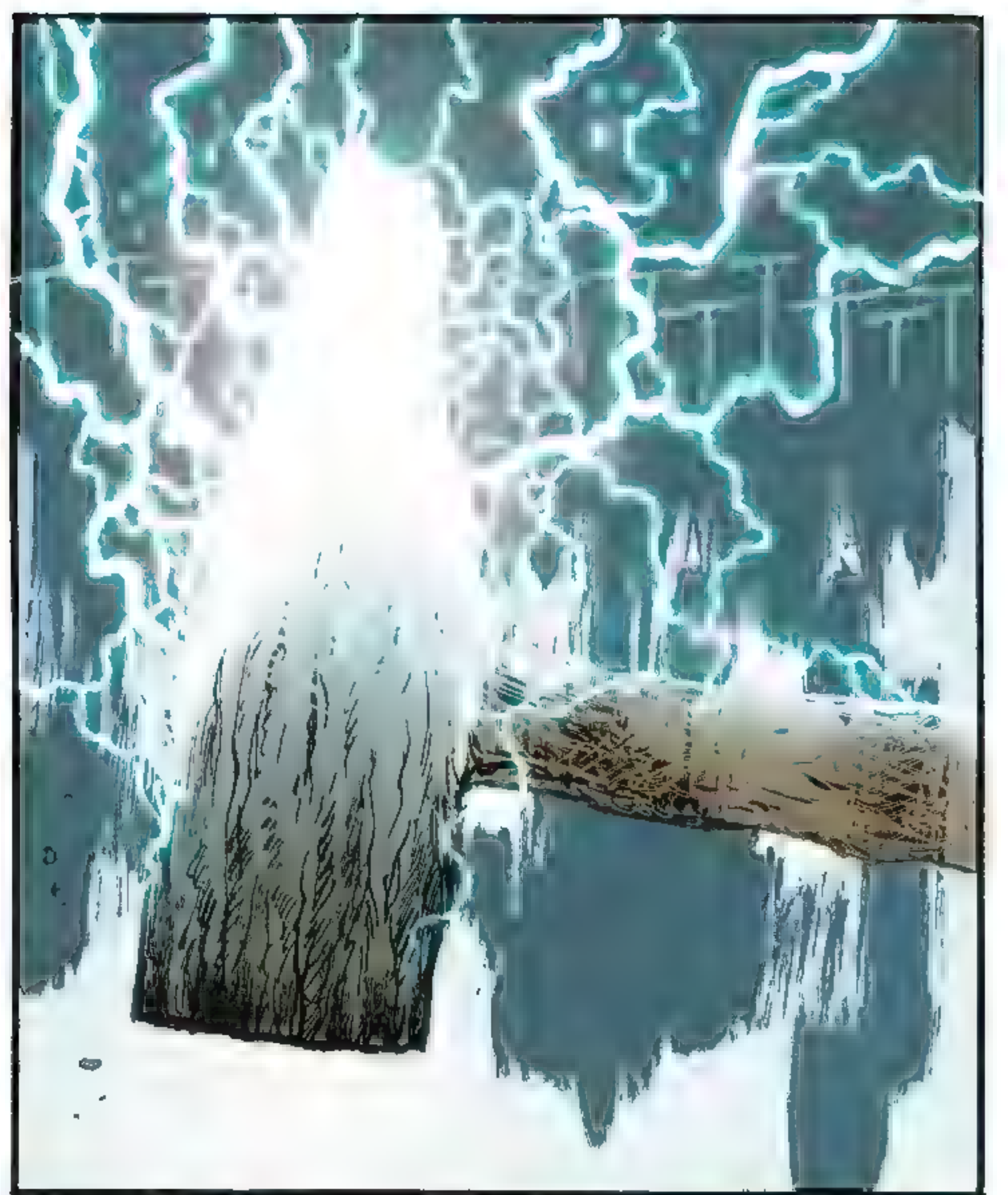
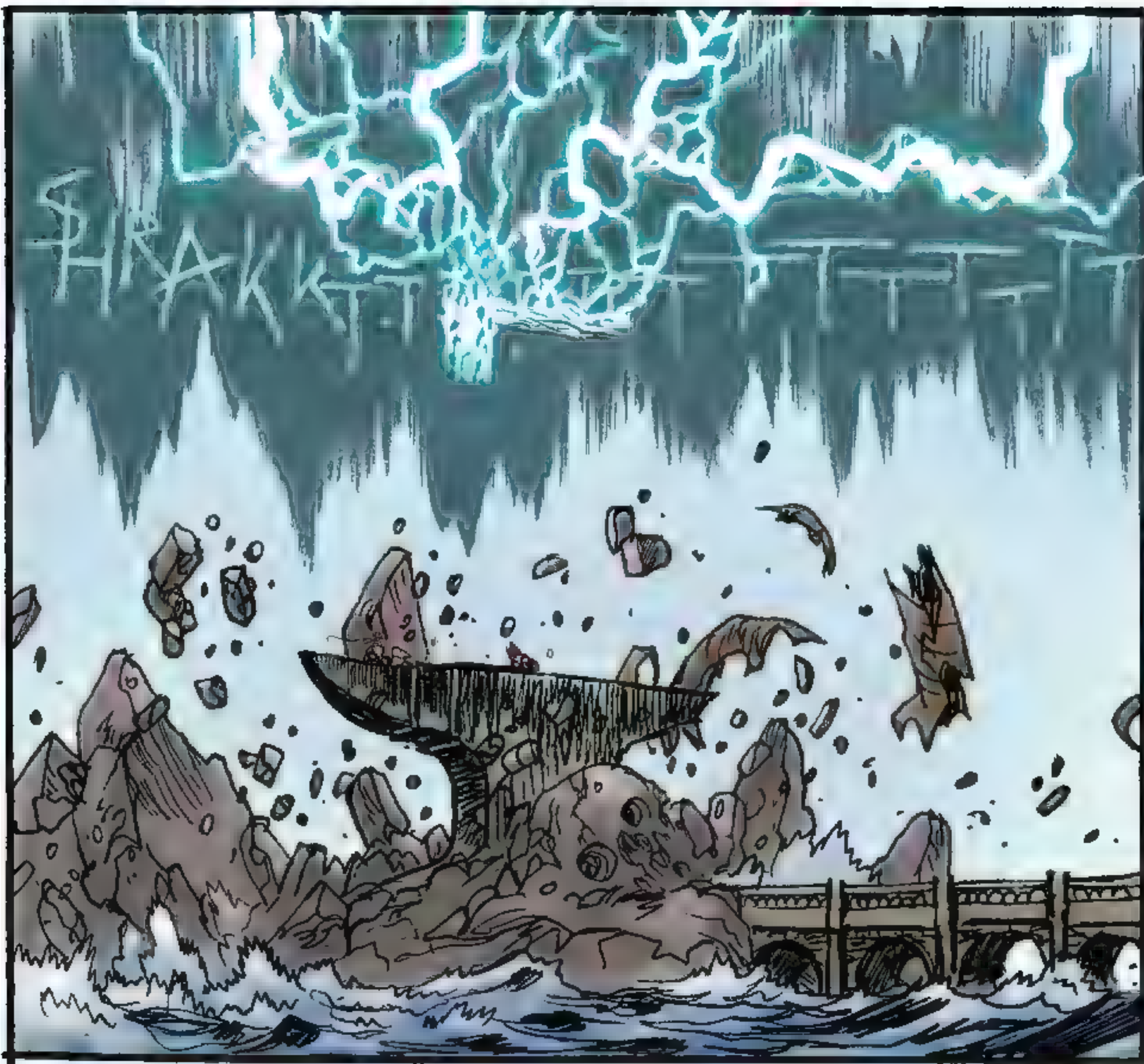


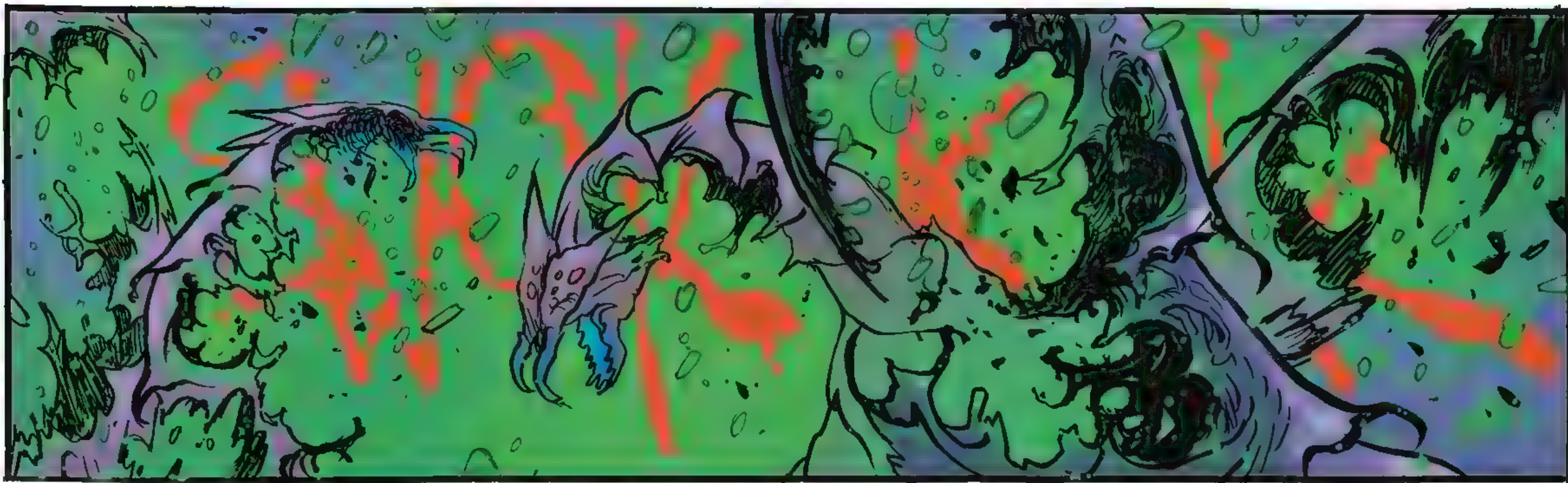


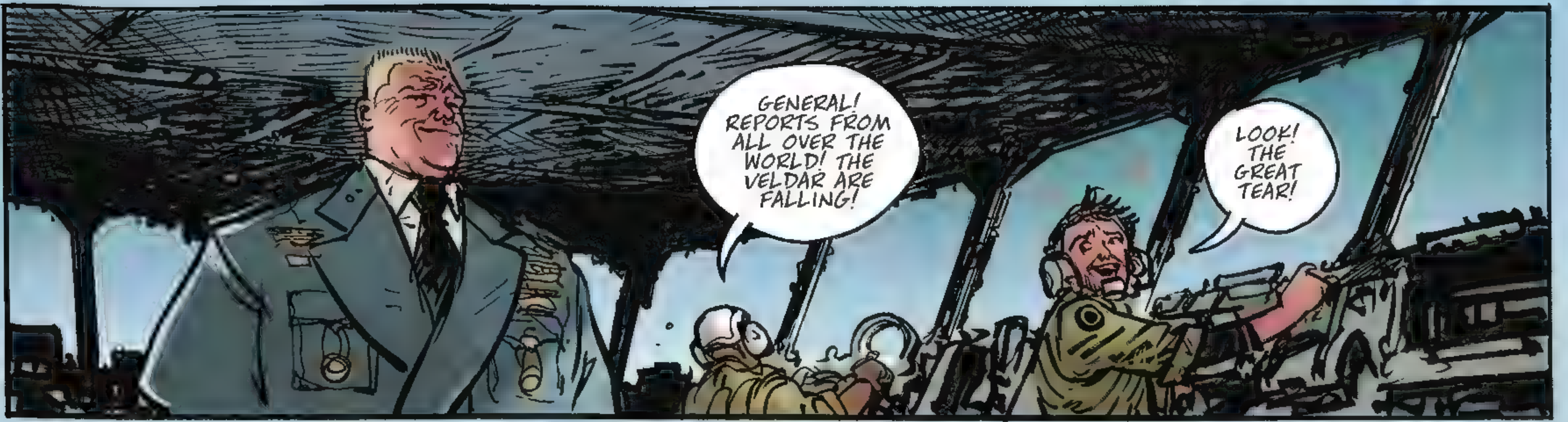


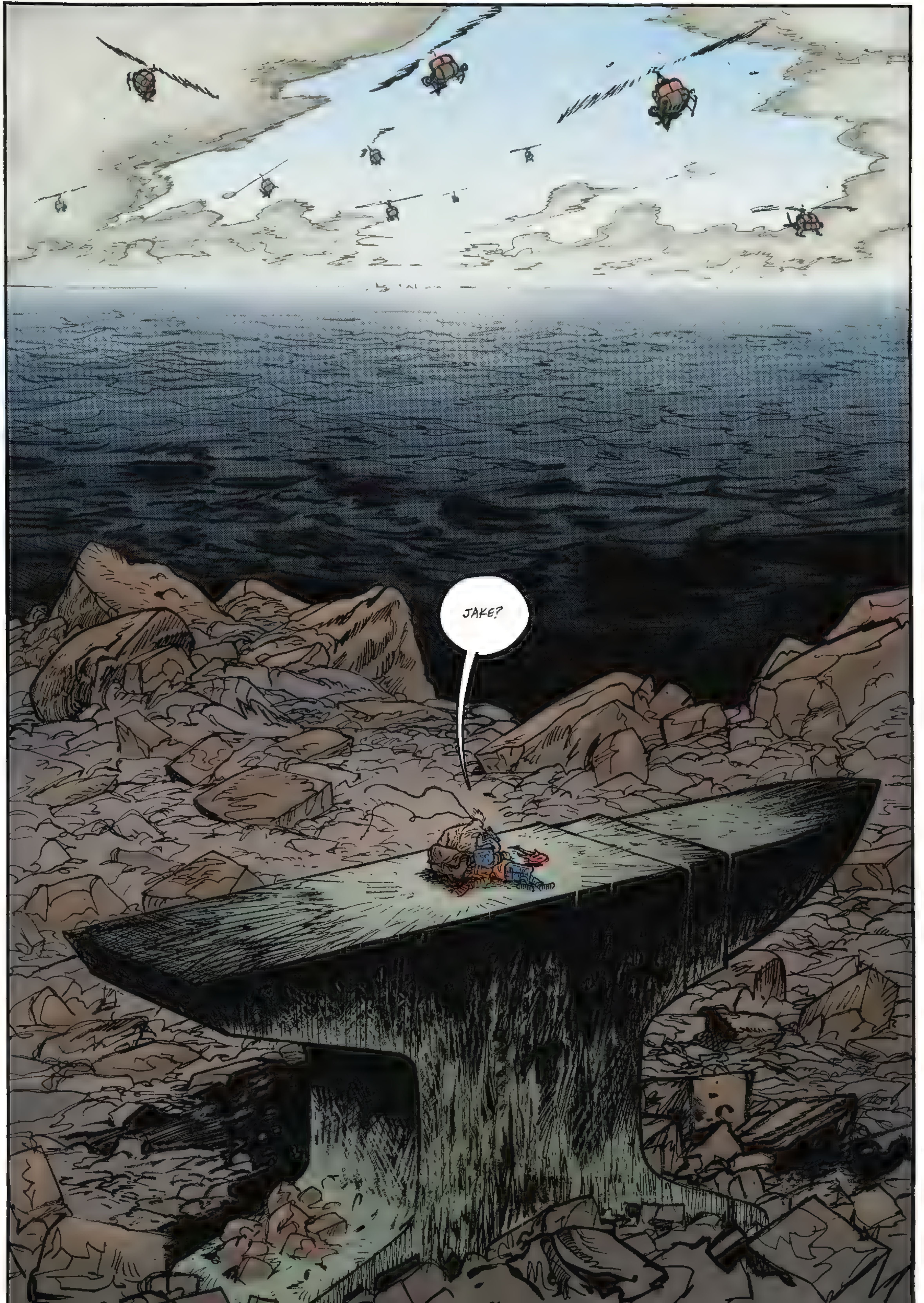
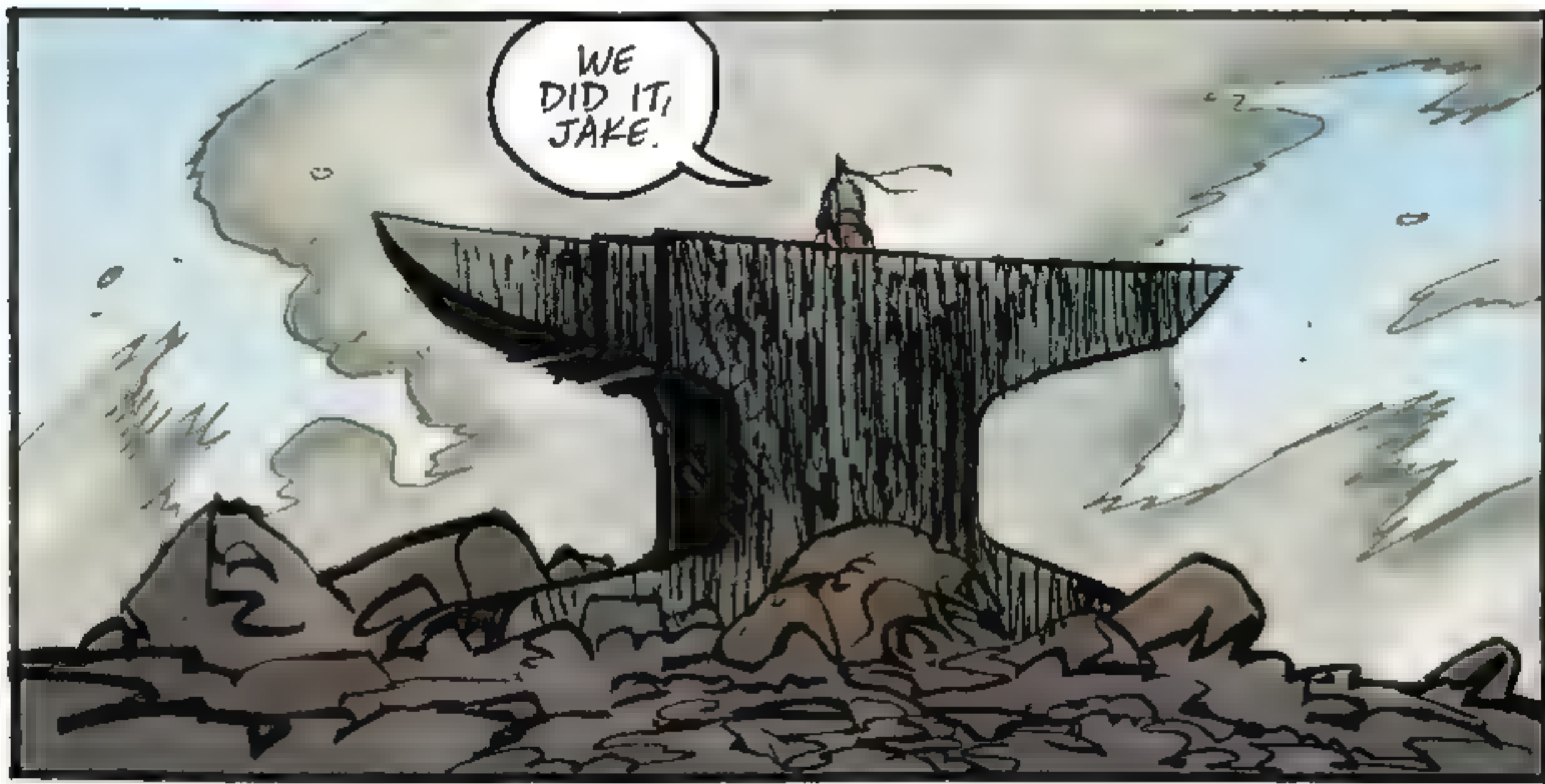
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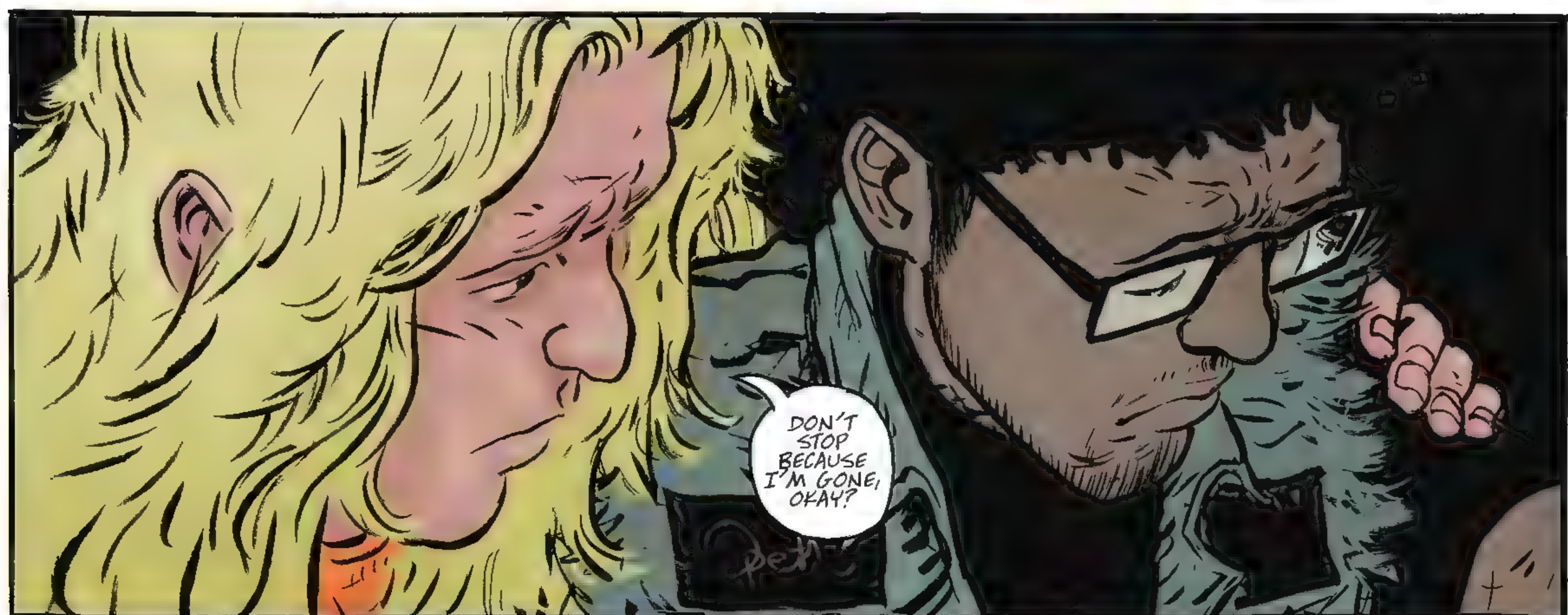
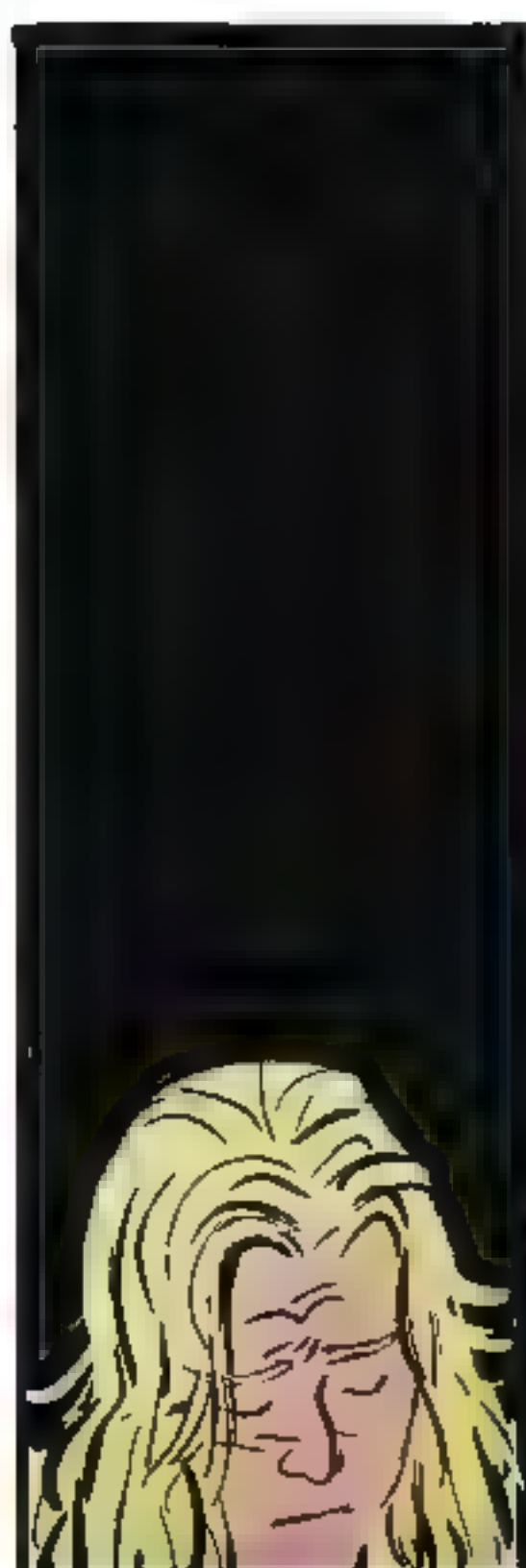
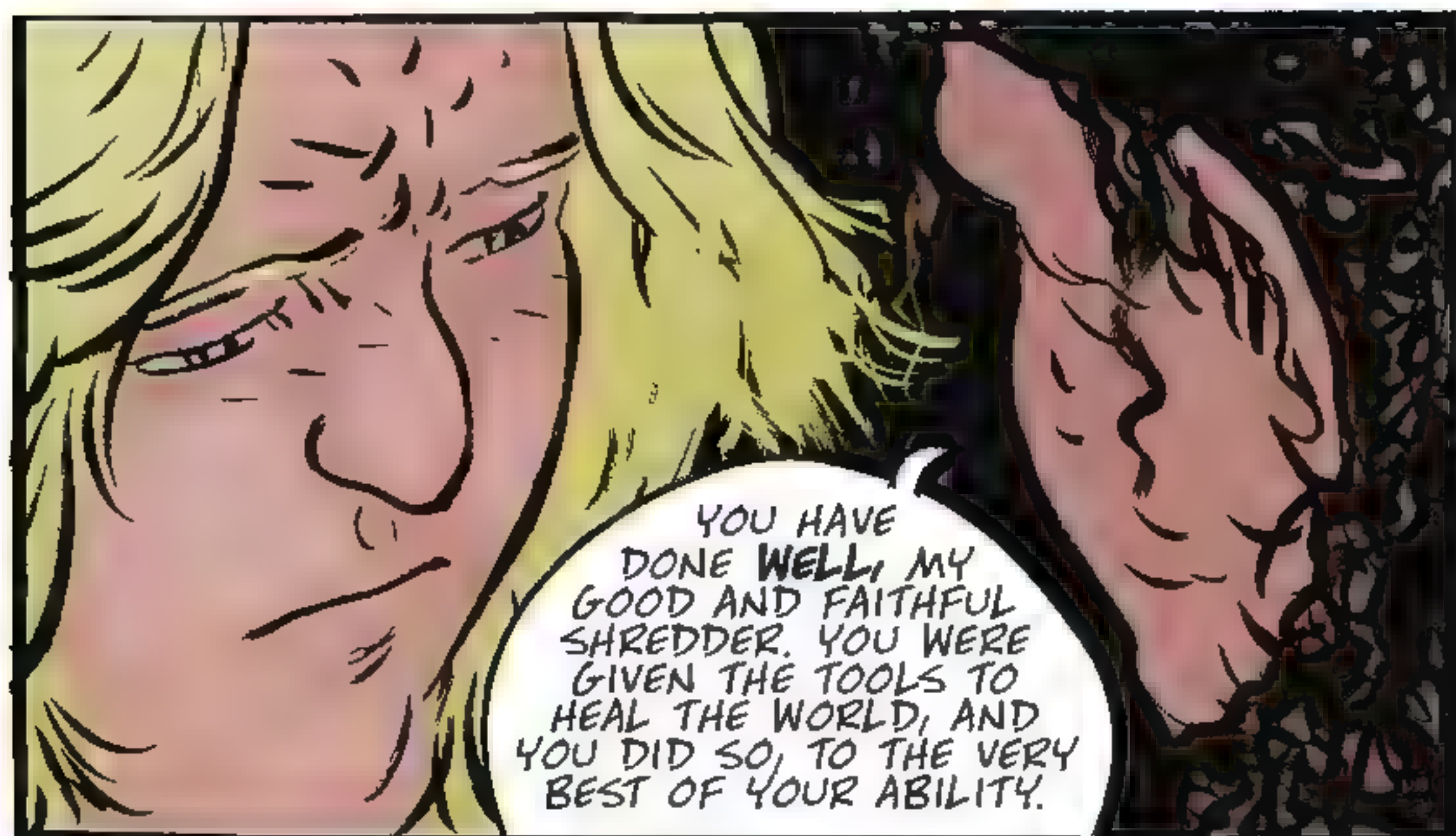


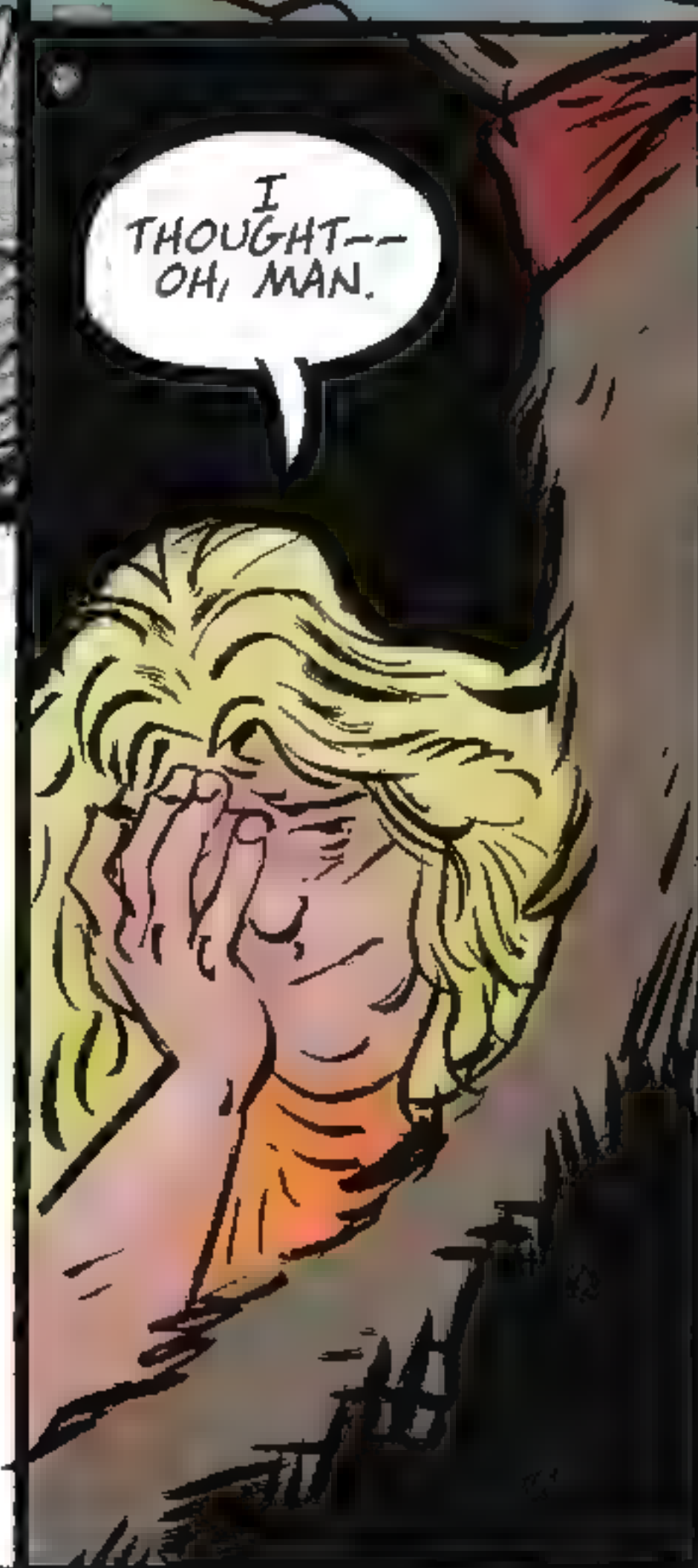
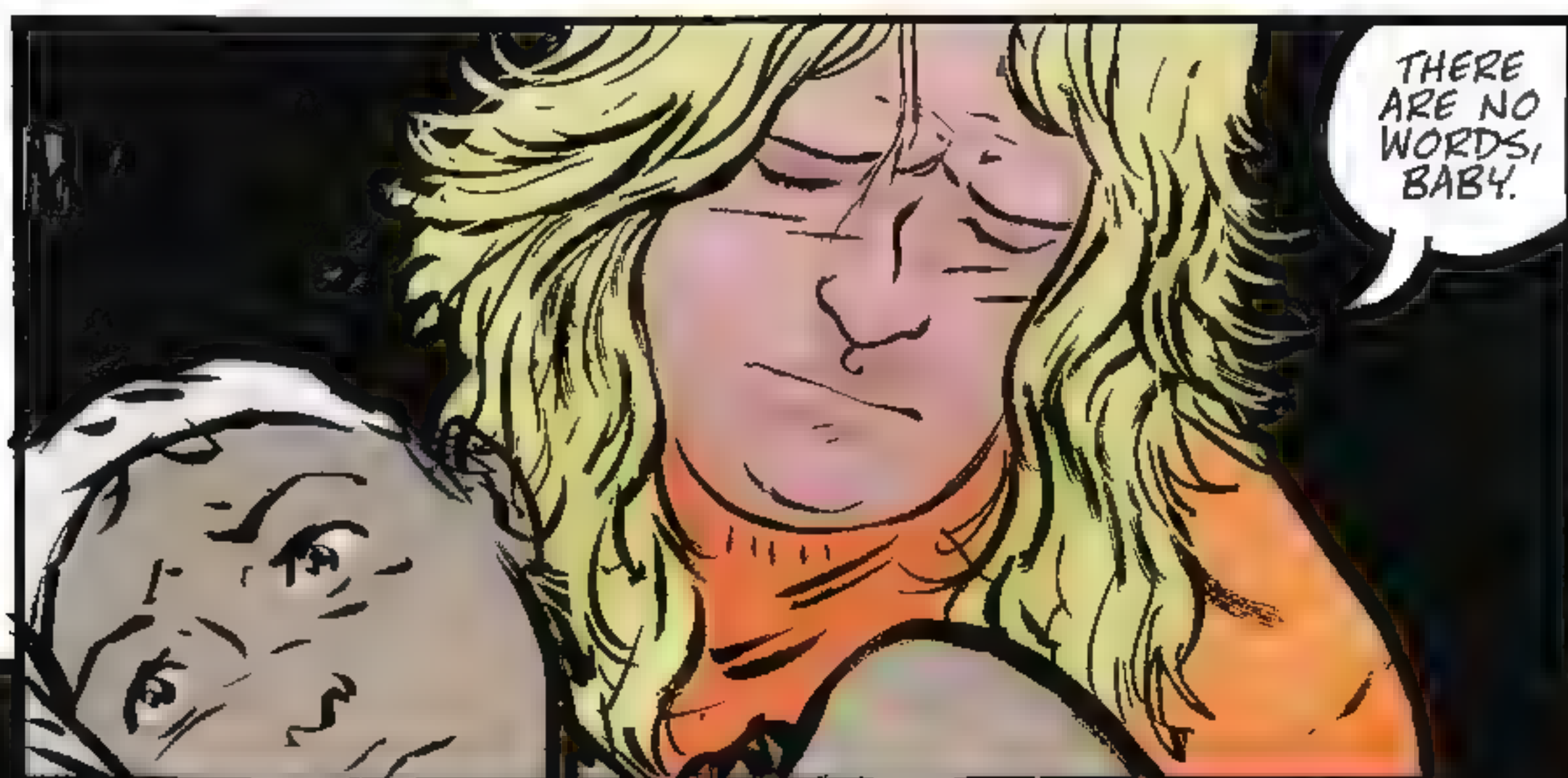
















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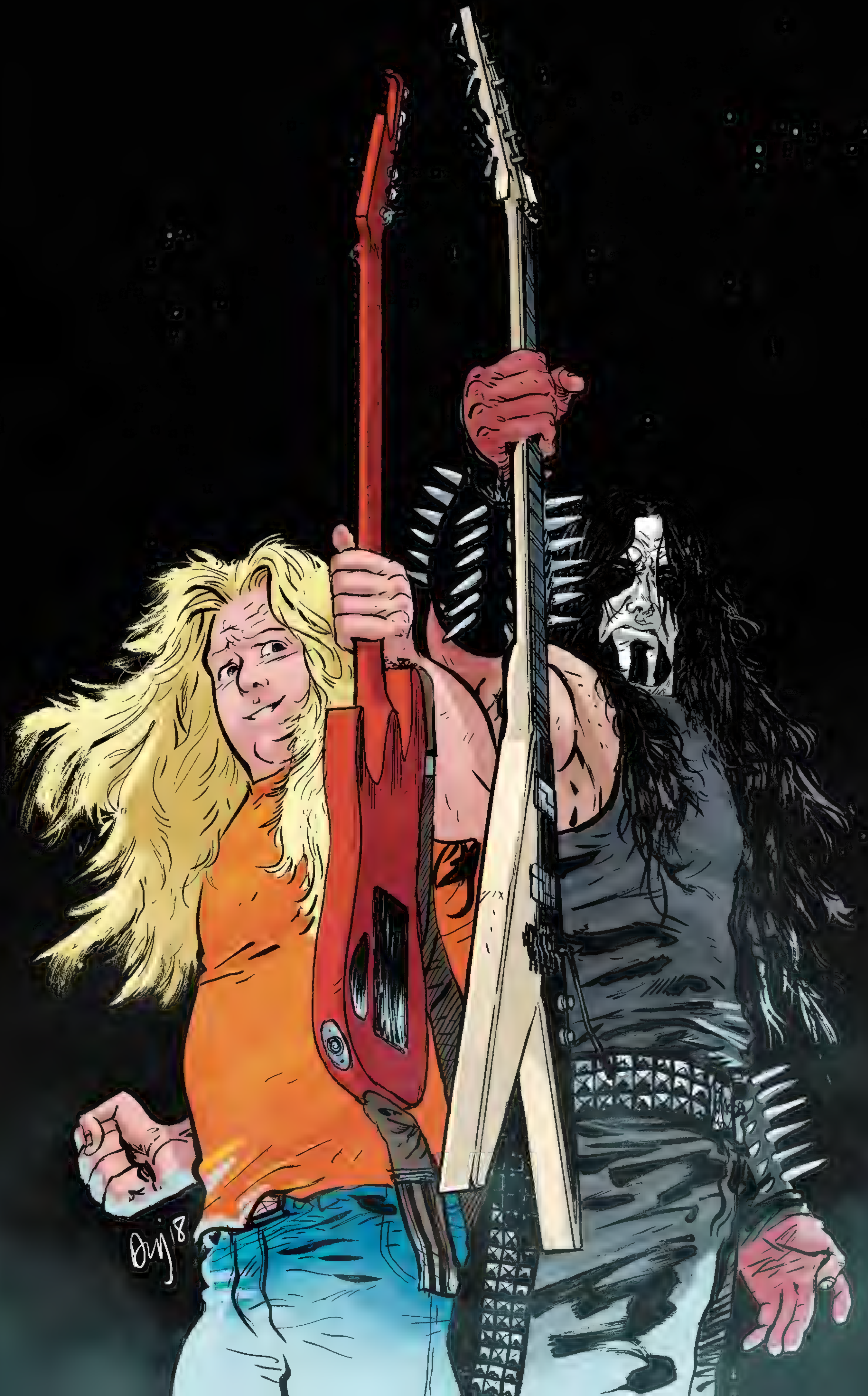












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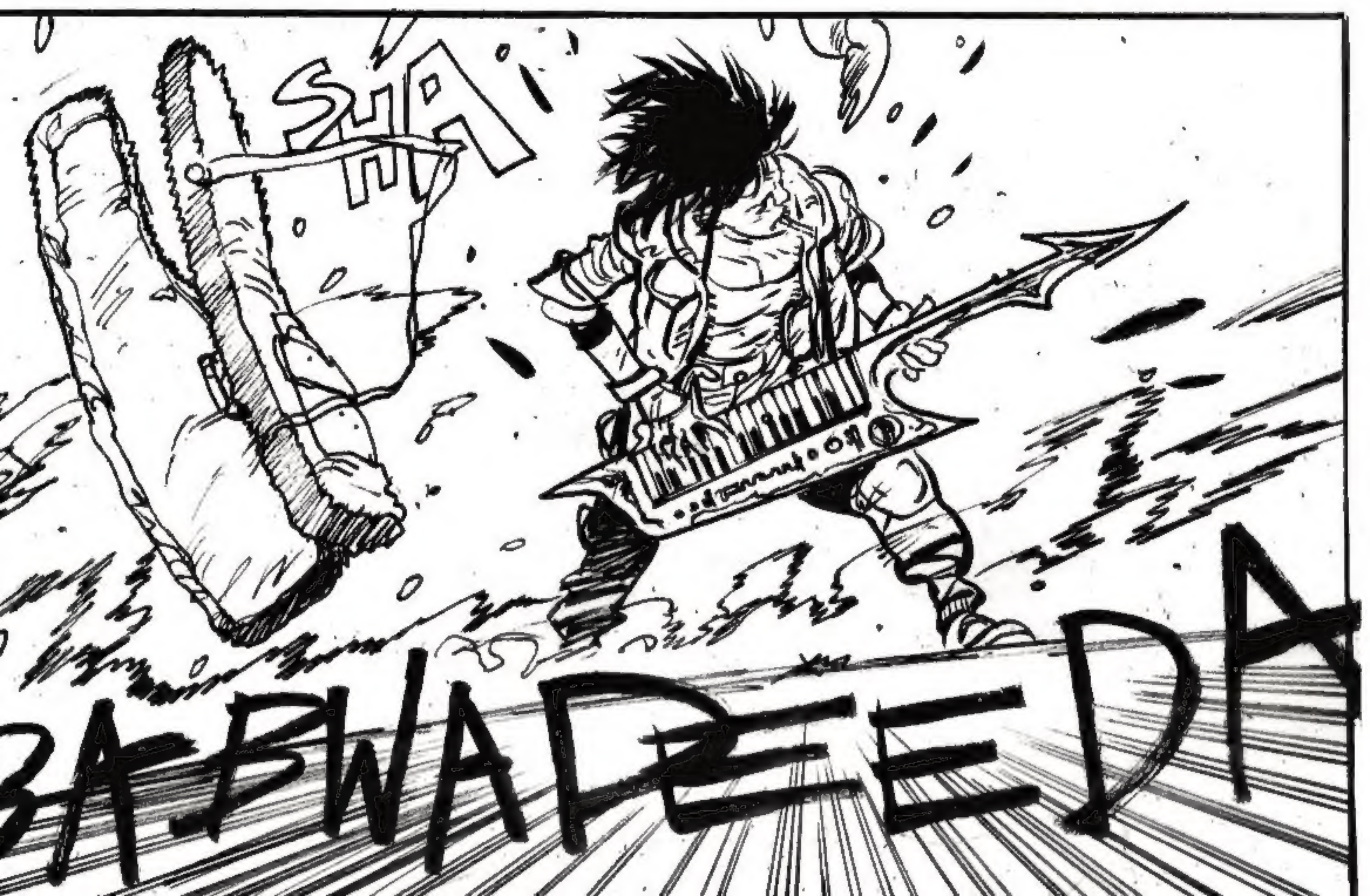
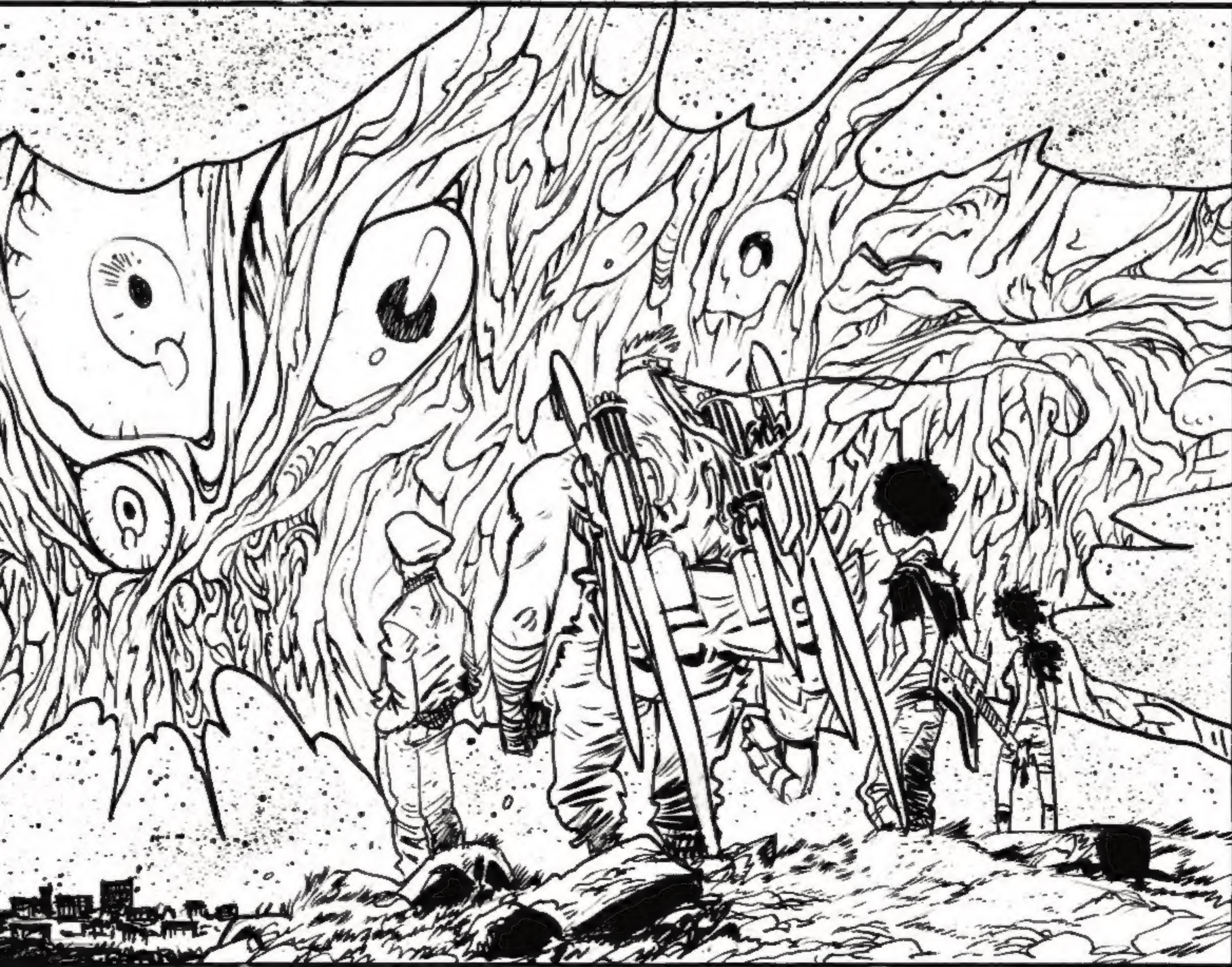


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